



COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

ORDRE DES THÉRAPEUTES RESPIRATOIRES DE L'ONTARIO

## Notice regarding CRTO Approval of US Respiratory Therapy Programs

The CRTO is responsible for setting Respiratory Therapy entry to practice requirements in the province of Ontario. The Registration Regulation sets out the requirements for registration with the College including the requirement that an applicant must:

- (a) have successfully completed a respiratory therapy program offered in Canada that, at the time of completion, was approved or accredited by the Council or by a body approved by the Council;
- (b) have successfully completed a program offered outside Canada for training respiratory therapists that, at the time of completion, was considered by the Council to be equivalent to a program referred to in clause (a); or
- (c) demonstrate through a prior learning assessment approved by the Registration Committee that he or she has knowledge, skills and judgment equivalent to those of a person who has successfully completed a program referred to in clause (a).

In the past, US RT programs were considered to be equivalent to Canadian approved RT Programs if they were accredited by CoARC and were at the advanced or 200 level. However, concerns related to inconsistencies in the content of some US programs and their equivalency to approved RT programs in Canada has led Council, in the public interest, to revise this policy.

**As of June 20, 2008, in order for a US program to be deemed "equivalent" to an approved Canadian program it must be reviewed and undergo a detailed assessment for equivalency. In determining equivalency the College must be satisfied that comparable entry to practice competencies are being effectively taught and evaluated by the US program.**

Applicants for registration whose programs are not deemed equivalent may be referred to the Prior Learning Assessment Process offered by one of the approved Ontario Respiratory Therapy Programs. Please note that applicants who have not successfully completed an approved or equivalent RT program or the PLA process will not be considered eligible to sit the registration (CBRC) examination.

For more information and a complete list of documentation to be submitted, please refer to the College's Registration Fact Sheet at <http://www.crto.on.ca/pdf/IntRegfactsheet.pdf> or contact the Registration Coordinator, Ania Walsh, by email at [walsh@crto.on.ca](mailto:walsh@crto.on.ca), or by phone at (416) 591-7800 x 25 (Toll-Free 1-800-261-0528).

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