

Candidate Statement

Lori Peppler-Beechey, RRT

District 4

Reasons for running in the election

I am running for this council position to support ongoing self-regulation of the respiratory therapy profession and to ensure continued excellence in practice in the face of changing healthcare and regulatory landscapes. My previous experience working at and with the CRTO has provided me with a thorough understanding of health care regulation that will ensure that I can fulfil the role as a member of the CRTO Council.

Relevant skills and experience

I am a respiratory therapist with more than 25 years of experience that has encompassed clinical practice, post-secondary education, and health care regulation. I have a thorough understanding of competency assessment, entry-to-practice requirements, and standards of practice for respiratory therapy. In addition to this, my experience in post-secondary administration has provided me with leadership and management skills, including budget oversight and strategic planning.

In your opinion, what are the key issues facing the profession today, as they relate to the public interest?

The current health human resource crisis continues to be challenging for all parts of the health care system, including hospitals, community-based care agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, and health profession regulatory bodies. Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the CRTO and other healthcare regulators is being able to respond to the urgent need for regulated professionals while still maintaining both entry to practice and practice standards.