

How can I become a Respiratory Therapist?

Respiratory Therapists are graduates of a three-year diploma or four-year joint diploma/degree program. These approved programs are offered at colleges and universities that work with teaching hospitals and other health care organizations.

In order to work in Ontario, Respiratory Therapists must be Members of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario. As a Member you will have ongoing professional development requirements that help to maintain high standards for patient care.



Want to learn more about this profession?
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and watch our Respiratory Therapy video.



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WHAT IS A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST?



Respiratory Therapists are regulated health care professionals, meaning they must become Members of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario in order to work in the field.



Respiratory Therapists are an integral part of the Canadian health care system and are highly trained in areas such as :

- ventilation and airway management,
- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and
- oxygen and aerosol therapy

They care for patients during:



cardiorespiratory disease prevention such as smoking cessation



pulmonary function testing



cardiac stress-testing



high risk births



rehabilitation



surgery

They treat patients with health issues such as:



asthma



pneumonia



bronchitis



heart disease



chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)



emphysema

Patients frequently receive care from Respiratory Therapists (RTs) in a hospital setting. RTs also apply their expertise in areas of home care, family health teams, patient and student education, research, and medical equipment sales. Respiratory Therapists care for adults, children and newborns.

