



## Approval of Canadian Respiratory Therapy Education Programs

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### 1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) is responsible for setting Respiratory Therapy entry-to-practice requirements in Ontario in the interest of the public. It is the policy of the CRTO to support an appropriate approval process for Respiratory Therapy education programs and to ensure these programs remain current.

### 2.0 PURPOSE

This policy sets out the approach used by the Registration Committee for approving Canadian Respiratory Therapy education programs<sup>1</sup>.

### 3.0 APPROVED STATUS

To obtain an “approved program” status, the education program must obtain and maintain “**accredited**” status with Accreditation Canada.

A Respiratory Therapy program accredited with conditions, will be monitored by the Registration Committee. A decision regarding the program’s approval will be made on a case-by-case basis.

A Canadian Respiratory Therapy program with “admitted” accreditation status will be monitored by the Registration Committee. A decision regarding the program’s approval will be made on a case-by-case basis.

### 4.0 UNAPPROVED PROGRAMS

Graduates of unapproved Respiratory Therapy Programs are referred to the CRTO’s entry-to-practice assessment process. The assessment process provides a mechanism for applicants to demonstrate to the Registration Committee that they have knowledge, skills, and judgment that are equivalent to graduates of an approved Respiratory Therapy program.

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<sup>1</sup> As per Ontario Regulation 596/94, Part VIII (Registration) clause 55(2) (a).



## 5.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

- [Accreditation Canada](#)
- [CRTO's Entry-to-Practice Assessment Process](#)

## 6.0 DEFINITIONS

- **Approved Programs** – Programs approved by the Registration Committee under section 55. (2) a of the Registration Regulation.
- **Accredited** (by Accreditation Canada) – The education program complies with the accreditation standard. The accreditation status will expire six (6) years from the date of the accreditation award.
- **Accredited with Condition** (by Accreditation Canada) – The educational program demonstrates partial accreditation compliance and is required to submit one or more follow-up reports within two (2) years of conditional accreditation award.
- **Admitted** (by Accreditation Canada) – An unaccredited education program that has successfully applied for accreditation, and accreditation processes are underway.

## 7.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

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