

National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies (NARTRB) Internationally Educated Respiratory Therapists Project

Objectives:

- Identify the existing processes in Canada for recognition of respiratory therapy credentials.
- Perform a situational analysis of the licensure / registration process for internationally educated respiratory therapy (IERT) applicants, identifying the various processes that are available for licensing, and the challenges that exist in each process.
- Develop an action plan to address the issues identified, and an implementation plan for developing standardized assessment and recognition of foreign credentialed applicants.
- Produce a final report by Spring 2008.

Information to be gathered includes:

- Current respiratory therapy labour market demographics;
- Respiratory therapy labour market supply and demand data;
- Licensure requirements and processes in all regulated Canadian jurisdictions;
- Primary source countries and educational background of IERT applicants;
- IERT experiences and challenges identified in gaining licensure / entering professional practice in Canada;
- Employer experiences and attitudes regarding IERTs; and
- Promising practices in promoting access to professional registration for internationally educated health professionals.

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- Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists (MARRT)
- College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO)
- *Ordre professionnel des inhalothérapeutes du Québec (OPIQ)*
- Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT)

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