

Career Development Manitoba

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Qualification Recognition, Alternative
Careers, and Training Options

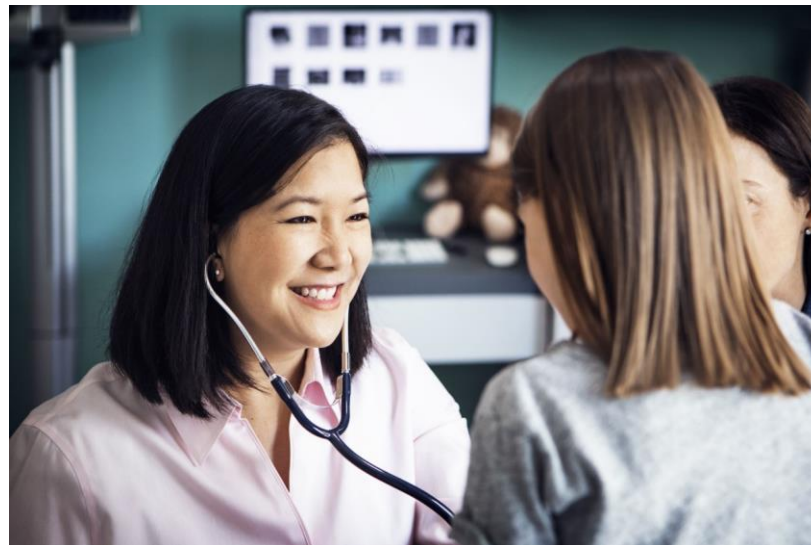
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What Roles do Respiratory Therapists in Canada Perform?



Respiratory Therapists

[NOC website](#)



Job Duties

- Perform diagnostic tests, such as arterial blood gas analysis and cardiopulmonary functions tests
- Operate and monitor respiratory equipment to administer treatments such as oxygen, oxygen-air mixtures, humidified air, or specialty medical gases
- Operate, monitor, maintain and test a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic equipment
- Perform or assist with interventions such as airway maintenance, line insertions, inductions, and intubations, and manage patients and associated equipment
- Execute anesthesia assistance services
- Perform artificial respiration and external cardiac massage
- Evaluate and monitor patients' cardiorespiratory conditions
- Provide and optimize patients' mechanical ventilation
- Assist with transport of high-risk patients
- May prepare and administer authorized medications
- Supervise and train students and other respiratory therapists
- Participate in home care programs for chronic respiratory patients and provide patient and family education
- Participate in research related to cardiac and pulmonary disorders.

Respiratory Therapists

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Employment Requirements

- Respiratory therapists require the completion of a three-year college or university degree program in respiratory therapy, both including clinical training.
- Licensing is required for respiratory therapists in Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.
- A national certification for respiratory therapists is available for therapists working in Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.
- In Quebec, a certificate is required for respiratory therapists to prescribe smoking cessation medication.
- Clinical perfusionists require the completion of a respiratory therapy or registered nursing program with a minimum of one year of work experience as a respiratory therapist or registered nurse and completion of a college or university program in clinical perfusion, including clinical training.
- Certification with the Canadian Society of Clinical Perfusion is required for clinical perfusionists.
- Cardiopulmonary technologists require a two-year college diploma in an allied health discipline such as respiratory therapy, nursing diploma, or a university degree in a related science and completion of a college post-diploma program in cardiovascular technology and additional training in pulmonary technology through courses or supervised on-the-job clinical training.
- Registration with the Canadian Association of Cardio-pulmonary Technologists (CACPT) may be required.

Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists (MARRT) Process

To qualify for licensure as a Registered Respiratory Therapist in the province of Manitoba the following requirements must be met:

1) Education

- The applicant must have graduated from an accredited Canadian Respiratory education program – or - the individual must have graduated from a program offered outside Canada either in respiratory therapy or in a closely related field that is approved by MARRT as being substantially equivalent to the Canadian Respiratory Therapy education program.

2) Assessment

- If the applicant has not graduated from an approved Respiratory education program, they must successfully demonstrate through a prior learning assessment process that they have the knowledge, skills, abilities, and judgement necessary for the individual to be eligible for license to practice.
- The assessment process is based on the National Competency Framework (NCF).
- The NCF is a list of competencies considered essential for entering the practice of Respiratory Therapy in Canada.

3) Examination

- All applicants must successfully challenge MARRT's credentialing examination administered by Health Professionals Testing Canada Inc (HPTC).
- To be eligible to write the HPTC exam, applicants must first meet the education requirement and successfully complete the assessment process.
- Only once these required steps are complete will the individual be considered for licensure as an active practicing Registered Respiratory Therapist in the province of Manitoba.

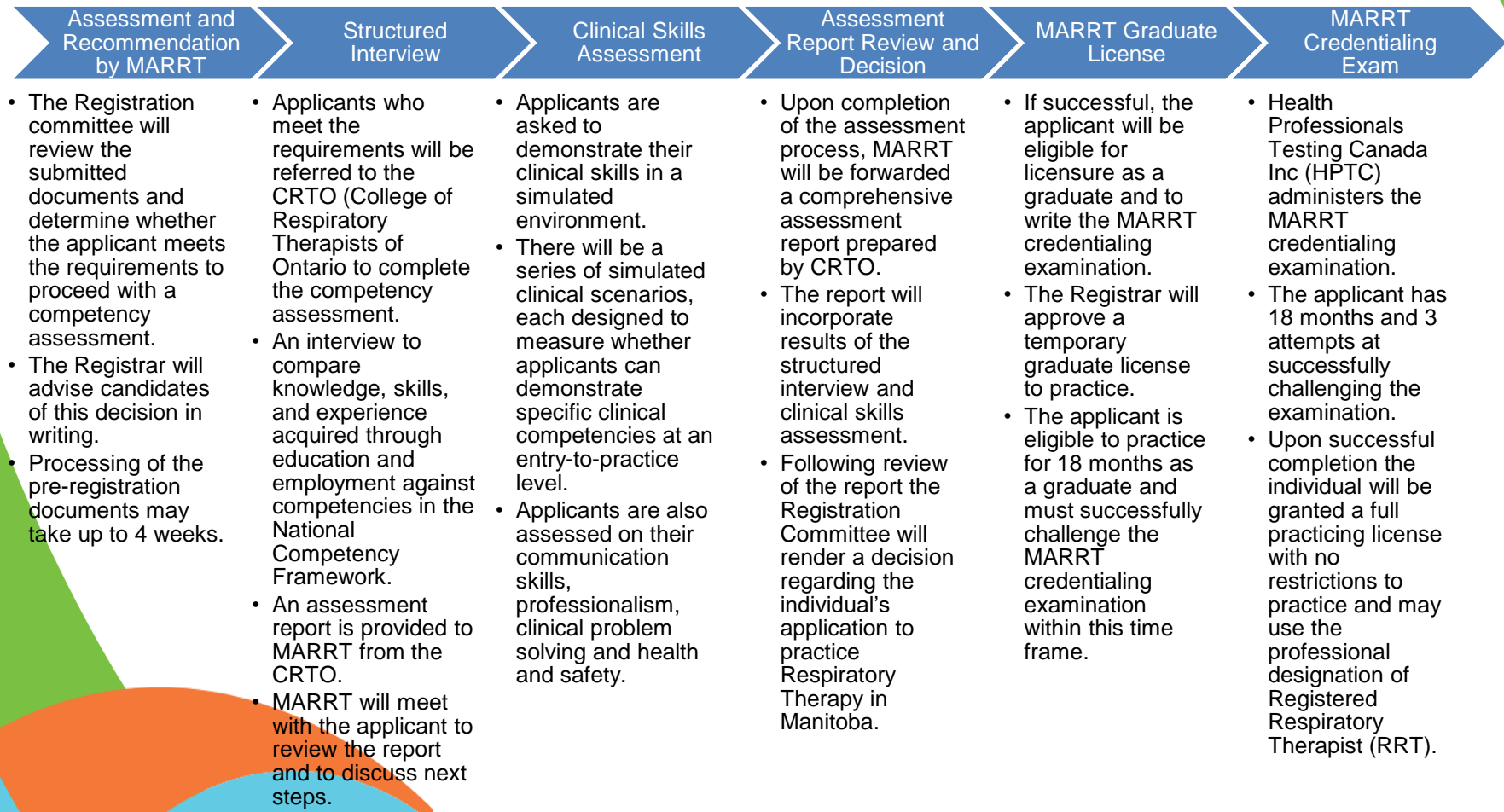
Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists (MARRT) Overview

PART A: Prior Learning Assessment

Application for Licensure	Eligibility to Work in Canada	Credentials Authenticated	Documents	Employment History	Language Proficiency	Criminal Record Check
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must complete MARRT's application form• \$75 nonrefundable application fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must provide notarized proof of being either: a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, authorized under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, and in possession of a valid work permit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants will be required to have a course-by-course credential evaluation and verification before commencing with the application process. There are several organizations to choose from:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WES• IQAS• ICAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notarized copies of the following documents are required: declaration of identity (passport photo, birth certificate, residency card), proof of name change, if required, and certificates, diploma, or degree attained.• All submitted documents are to be translated into English.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment verification as a respiratory therapist or similar field required over the past 5 years, including Letter of Reference from each employer (including length of time employed), and copy of resume.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where the applicant's first language is not English, fluency must be demonstrated by submitting the test scores from a recognized language proficiency test.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CELPIP (8/9)• IELTS (7)• TOEFL (90)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only originals or notarized copies will be accepted of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Criminal Record Check (ICRC)• Canadian Vulnerable Sector Check (CVSC)

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PART B: Competency Assessment



Transcript Assessments

The Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists accepts assessments from the following agencies:

World Education Services
(WES)

[World Education
Services](#)

International Qualifications
Assessment Service
(IQAS)

[IQAS](#)

International Credential
Assessment Service
(ICAS)

[ICAS](#)

Getting Stared with the MARRT Process



- Prior to applying for licensure, it is strongly recommended to review the National Competency Framework (NCF) and to complete the Self -Assessment Readiness Tool (SART).
- The **National Competency Framework 2017 (NCF)** is a list of competencies (knowledge, skills, abilities and judgment) deemed necessary to acquire before practicing as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. This document was developed by the National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies (NARTRB) and is used in the development of the national educational program's curriculum.
- https://marrt.olasoft.com/uploaded/web/website/MARRT-NationalStandards_EN.pdf

Getting Stared with the MARRT Process



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- The **Self-Assessment Readiness Tool (SART)** is designed to help you understand the profession and the requirements for employment as a Respiratory Therapist in Canada. This tool will help you assess your skills based on respiratory therapist competency guidelines. There is no fee to complete the SART.
- <https://assesshealthcareers.ca/careers/respiratory-therapy>

MARRT Contacts



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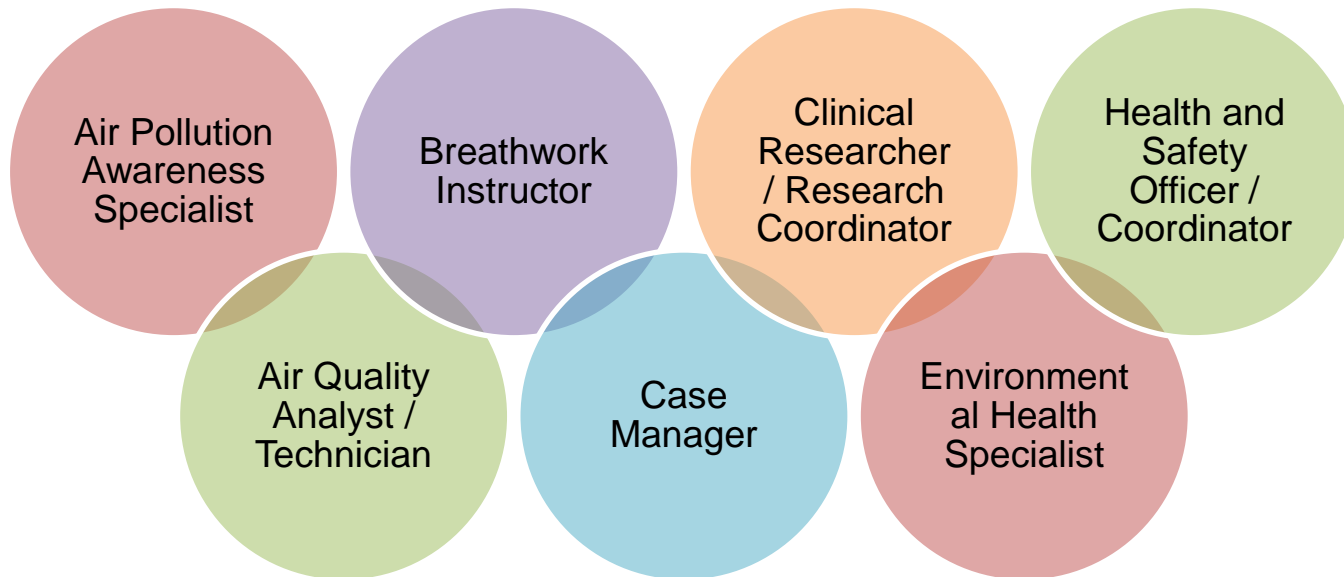


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Alternative Careers for Respiratory Therapists

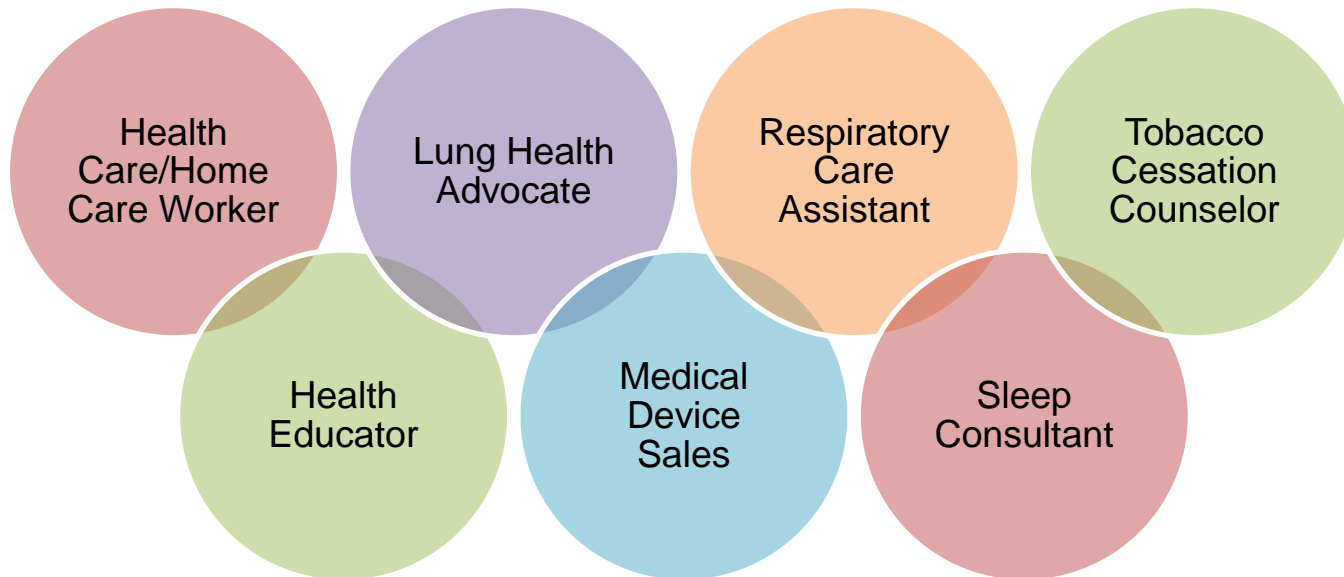


Alternative Careers for Respiratory Therapists



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Training Options for Respiratory Therapists

University of Manitoba

- [Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy \(BRT\)](#)
- [Applied Counselling](#)
- [Program Development for Adult Learners](#)
- [Facilitating Older Adult Learning](#)

University of Winnipeg

- [Pre-Respiratory Therapy](#)

Accreditation Canada

- [Respiratory Therapy educational programs](#) (accredited and registered)

Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists

- [Open Access CPD Courses](#)
- [External Education Opportunities](#)

Training Options for Respiratory Therapists

Red River College Polytechnic

- [Health Services Leadership and Management](#)
- [Health Information Management](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety](#)

Career Planning Can Help You

Enter the workforce

Plan for education

Deal with changing workplace demands

Anticipate trends or changes

Upgrade or maintain your skills

Develop skills for managing your career

Reflecting on Barriers and Strengths



Setting Short and Long-term Goals

Set SMART Goals
What? When?
How?

How much time
do you have
to complete
each step?

What resources
might you need?
Who can help?

Career and Education Plan

Name and Client ID: Jon Doe (123456)

Short Term Goal 1

Health Care / Home Care Worker

Short Term Goal 2

Respiratory Care Assistant

Long Term Goal

Respiratory Therapist

Achieving and Maintaining Long-Term Employment

- Maintaining long term employment and Career Management – An ongoing process:
 - a. Continuous learning – develop new skills or refine existing skills
 - b. Professional development – take courses, attend workshops, read, network, volunteer
 - c. Balancing work and life – reflect on values, priorities, and life circumstance
- Other: Complete Licensure process to become a Canadian Respiratory Therapist

Researching Post Secondary Training

- Research education and training options
- Identify post-secondary institution
- Verify admissions requirements
- Research funding options (Employment MB, SEED Recognition Counts, Student Aid, etc.)
- Other: Book a meeting with a counselor at SEED Winnipeg

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Date: Jan 25, 2021
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Qualification Recognition

- Research your regulated profession or trade
- Contact regulatory body
- Identify necessary requirements (language level, transcript, syllabus, etc.) Research Funding Options
- (Immigrant Access fund, Employment MB, SEED Recognition Counts, MB Student Aid, bursaries, financial institutions, etc.).
- Other: Attend Qualifications Recognition webinar/information session at Manitoba Start

Date: Jan 28, 2021
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Date: Feb 5, 2021

Skill Development

- Research job specific training (First Aid/CPR, forklift, security guard license, etc.)
- Complete computer assessments sent by facilitator/coach; consider computer training
- Consider volunteering (visit www.volunteermanitoba.ca)
- Language assessment at WELARC
- Obtain Driver's license
- Other: Identify skill training options for Respiratory Therapist with career coach on January 25,

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Date: Feb 5, 2021
Date: Feb 5, 2021
Date: Feb 8, 2021

Job Search Preparation

- Complete Career Development Workshop at Manitoba Start
- Finalize marketing materials (resume, cover letter, references)
- Apply for Security Clearance Checks (criminal record check, child abuse registry, adult abuse registry, immunizations record)
- Other: Discuss the QR process for Respiratory Therapist with career coach on January 25,

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Thank you!

If you require additional information about qualification recognition, please contact your Career Coach.

If you are not currently a Manitoba Start client, register with us:

- Call front desk at 204-944-8833
- Visit in person
- Complete our online [registration form](#) to receive career development support.

Good luck with your career planning and work search!