

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Respiratory care is the treatment, management, diagnostic testing and evaluation of responses to respiratory or medical treatment and care of individuals or groups of individuals either having deficiencies or abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system or requiring support of the cardiopulmonary system. Respiratory care is given in accordance with the prescription of a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Respiratory care includes the implementation of respiratory care strategies and modalities, and the administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents necessary to implement a treatment, disease or injury prevention, rehabilitative or diagnostic regimen. Respiratory care includes, but is not limited to: initiating emergency procedures; providing health counseling and teaching; assembly, repair, testing and maintenance of respiratory equipment; and those respiratory care activities that require a substantial amount of scientific knowledge or technical skill.

Legislation

Statutes: NH RSA 326-E and 328-F
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Resp 100 - 300 and Ahp 100 - 500

Licensure Requirements

- Good professional character
- Complete accredited respiratory care education program of at least an Associate's degree
- Pass either the registered respiratory therapist examination administered in English by National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) or the certified respiratory therapist examination administered in English by NBRC
- Military experience shall not be considered when determining whether an applicant meets the educational requirements for licensure.
- Must complete a criminal background check

Examination

Written examination required — National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)

Continuing Education

24 hours of continuing education required every two years

Reciprocity

Not permitted

Active Licenses

695

Related Training

Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Respiratory Care Practitioners' Governing Board

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
 7 Eagle Square
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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Fees

Application	\$60.00
Initial licensure fee	\$110.00
Examination	contact NBRC
Biennial renewal	\$110.00
License reinstatement	\$220.00

Licenses expire on December 31 of each odd-numbered year

O*Net Codes

29-1126.00 Respiratory Therapists

Additional Information Sources

National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)
 <www.nbrc.org>

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
 <www.caahep.org>