

Respiratory Care

Program and degree information

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Respiratory Care (CoARC). Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Associate of Applied Science degree, are eligible sit for both the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) exams administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), and are eligible to apply for licensure by the Tennessee Department of Health Board of Respiratory Care. The TN Board of Respiratory Care provides online information for application and licensure.

The CRT and RRT credentials are used as the basis for licensure in all 49 states that regulate the practice of respiratory care (<https://www.nbrc.org/examinations/rrt/>). Students pursuing this program who live outside of Tennessee or plan to move to another state for employment are warned there may be additional requirements needed to obtain licensure or certification in another state. Consult the appropriate state licensing/certification board to determine if the chosen program of study will meet the requirements in the state(s) where you intend to seek employment.

Columbia State has not determined (indicated in table below as Does not meet) if requirements are met for licensure in all states or territories of the United States. Even if identified in the table below as Meets, it is possible requirements have changed since last reviewed. Contact the appropriate licensing board in the state where you intend to seek licensure regarding the requirements in that state. Students needing additional assistance can contact the Columbia State program officials via email provided.

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Table – Professional Licensure by States

State	Determination	Contact Information or Link of State Licensing Authority
Alabama	Meets with CRT certification	https://www.asbrt.alabama.gov/pdfs/2019/RR_Eff12.4.18.pdf
Alaska	Licensure not required in this state	
Arizona	Does not meet	
Arkansas	Meets with CRT certification	http://armedicalboard.org/Professionals/pdf/RC_AppPack.pdf https://www.respiratorytherapistlicensure.com/arkansas/#complete-program

State	Determination	Contact Information or Link of State Licensing Authority
California	Does not meet	
Colorado	Does not meet	
Connecticut	Does not meet	
Delaware	Does not meet	
District of Columbia	Does not meet	
Florida	Does not meet	
Georgia	Does not meet	https://rules.sos.ga.gov/GAC/360-13 https://www.respiratorytherapistlicense.com/georgia/
Hawaii	Does not meet	
Idaho	Does not meet	
Illinois	Does not meet	
Indiana	Does not meet	
Iowa	Does not meet	
Kansas	Does not meet	
Kentucky	Meets with CRT or RRT certification	https://kbrc.ky.gov/Pages/Applications-and-Forms.aspx#apps
Louisiana	Meets with CRT certification	https://www.lsbme.la.gov/licensure/rules https://a.storyblok.com/f/150540/1149a41c2c/respiratory-therapists.pdf
Maine	Does not meet	
Maryland	Does not meet	
Massachusetts	Does not meet	
Michigan	Does not meet	
Minnesota	Does not meet	
Mississippi	Does not meet	
Missouri	Does not meet	
Montana	Does not meet	
Nebraska	Does not meet	
Nevada	Does not meet	
New Hampshire	Does not meet	
New Jersey	Does not meet	
New Mexico	Does not meet	
New York	Does not meet	

State	Determination	Contact Information or Link of State Licensing Authority
North Carolina	Meets with CRT certification and BLS/CPR certification	http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac/title%2021%20-%20occupational%20licensing%20boards%20and%20commissions/chapter%20061%20-%20respiratory%20care%20board/21%20ncac%2061%20.0201.html
North Dakota	Does not meet	
Ohio	Does not meet	
Oklahoma	Does not meet	
Oregon	Does not meet	
Pennsylvania	Does not meet	
Puerto Rico	Does not meet	
Rhode Island	Does not meet	
South Carolina	Meets with CRT or RRT certification	https://lir.sc.gov/med/PDF/Application%20Forms/Requirements%20and%20Instructions%20for%20Online%20Application%20complete.pdf
South Dakota	Does not meet	
Tennessee	Meets	https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/rc-board.html
Texas	Does not meet	
U.S. Virgin Islands	Does not meet	
Utah	Does not meet	
Vermont	Does not meet	
Virginia	Does not meet	
Washington	Does not meet	
West Virginia	Does not meet	
Wisconsin	Does not meet	
Wyoming	Does not meet	

The Council of State Governments (CSG) is partnering with the Department of Defense(DoD) and the American Association for Respiratory Care(AARC) to support the mobility of licensed respiratory therapists through the development of a new interstate compact. This additional licensing pathway will facilitate multistate practice among member states and reduce the barriers to license portability. This compact is currently under development.

[\(https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/respiratory-therapy-licensure-compact/\)](https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/respiratory-therapy-licensure-compact/)