



## New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists

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### Policy

Student members of the New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists (NBART) are defined under By-law II (1c) as any person who has commenced training in a Canadian institution approved by the NBART, accredited by CoARTE (Conjoint Committee on Accreditation of Training Programs for Respiratory Therapy) and has paid his annual dues to the NBART.

All students enrolled in didactic and clinical Respiratory education programs in the province of New Brunswick must register with the New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists. If the didactic portion of the program takes place outside of the province of New Brunswick but any of the clinical placements take place inside New Brunswick, those students must also register and pay all applicable fees.

The student members of the NBART will be allowed to use the title Student Respiratory Therapist (SRT) while fulfilling the requirements to become a Respiratory Therapist. A student member is only permitted to use this designation of SRT while fulfilling the requirements to become a Respiratory Therapist. The title must not be used outside of student hours (e.g. while working). Students are only allowed to perform acts authorized to the profession of Respiratory Therapy provided they are doing so in the course of fulfilling the requirements to become a Respiratory Therapist; the act is within the scope of practice of the profession; and the act is performed under the *direct supervision* or direction of an Active Licensed member of the NBART. This exemption only applies while the individual is functioning as a student. The exemption does not apply during employment of any type even if the student is also a student in the same organization. The exemption does not apply following the date of graduation, or following the date a student ceases to be enrolled in an approved program.

In New Brunswick, only members of the NBART are Respiratory Therapists. Students need to keep in mind that they do not become a Respiratory Therapist by virtue of graduating from an approved educational program. Graduation results in a degree or diploma only. They must then register with the NBART to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

Failure to comply with this policy, will be considered a direct violation of the Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists and the by-laws of the NBART. Violations will result in disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the NBART.

*For the purposes of this policy, "Direct Supervision" means that the active licensed respiratory therapist is easily and readily available within the Facility and that they provide a level of supervision that allows validation of the work performed by the student respiratory therapist. This supervision may include co-signing of charting, discussion and validation of findings/ interventions and/ or regular and frequent monitoring throughout any given clinical shift.*