

STD 5 - CRTO System Partners - Engagement

Organizations	Initiative & Outcomes
Accreditation Canada	All RT educational programs approved by the CRTO’s Council are accredited by Accreditation Canada (AC) through its EQual program. The CRTO participates in the accreditation surveys of all Ontario RT educational programs, giving us insight into the process and input into the outcome. The CRTO is also a voting member of the AC EQual Council.
BoardSource	The CRTO is a member of BoardSource, which is a U.S.-based organization that offers a wide range of tools and resources aimed at enhancing non-profit board governance, such as board composition and recruitment.
Canadian Association of Prior Learning Assessment (CAPLA)	CAPLA provides networking opportunities and resources as well as webinars, workshops and an online community of practice related to prior learning assessments.
Canadian Network of Agencies for Regulation (CNAR)	This organization offers networking and professional development opportunities, which the CRTO uses to ensure we employ the most up-to-date best practices in professional self-regulation and board governance.
Citizens' Advisory Group (CAG)	The CRTO is a member of CAG, which is currently administered by the CPSO and is currently comprised of 22 health regulatory colleges in Ontario and 49 active patients and caregivers from across Ontario. Participation in this group provides the CRTO with the ability to directly engage public members in our policy consultation processes for By-Law and policy revisions. Further, direct engagement allows the CRTO to obtain an understanding of barriers faced by the public in communicating with healthcare regulators and informs what (in any) changes need to be made to CRTO processes.
Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR)	The CRTO is a member of CLEAR, which is a U.S.-based organization that promotes regulatory excellence through conferences, educational programs and webinars. In 2022, the CRTO took part in CLEAR’s Regulatory Governance webinar series. These webinars inform the CRTO on the most up-to-date best practices in professional self-regulation and board governance.
Cyber Security of Ontario & Canadian Centre for Cyber Security	CRTO staff participates in monthly Teams calls and receives information on current events, as well as alerts and advisories on recent cyber threats and vulnerabilities. This ensures that CRTO staff remain up-to-date and vigilant against the latest forms of cyber-attacks.

<p><u>Health Profession Regulators of Ontario (HPRO)</u></p>	<p>The CRTO actively participates on the HPRO Board as well as a number of other committees and working groups (e.g., Anti-BIPOC Racism Working Group, Communications Committee). HPRO provides multiple opportunities for networking and developing collaborative relationships, as well as providing educational tools for regulators (e.g., Regulation 101) and Council & Committee members (e.g., Discipline Orientation Workshop, Governance Training for RHPA Colleges).</p>
<p><u>Health Professionals Testing Canada (HPTC)</u></p>	<p>The HPRC develops and administers the national RT entry-to-practice examination. The CRTO engages with the HPTC board of directions through the National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies (NARTRB) and our involvement in overseeing the regular review and revision of the National Competency Framework (NCF).</p>
<p><u>Office of the Fairness Commissioner (OFC)</u></p>	<p>In addition to our compliance with the OFC requirements, the CRTO utilizes this office as an advisory to guide the development and application of our competency-based assessment for IEHP candidates. In 2022, CRTO staff attended the OFC webinars related to equity, diversity and inclusion to learn how other regulators approach incorporating the DEI principles into their registration practices.</p>
<p><u>Ontario Home Respiratory Services Association (OHRSA)</u></p>	<p>This advocacy group for companies providing respiratory-based care in the homecare setting (i.e. home oxygen, CPAP, etc.) is an organization we maintain a relationship with to better assist us in understanding the challenges and concerns of the home care sector. They frequently check in with the CRTO to confirm our position before engaging with entities relevant to their industry.</p>
<p><u>Ontario Regulators for Access Consortium (ORAC)</u></p>	<p>ORAC was created as a forum to assist regulators from various sectors with challenges related to registering internationally educated professionals. Due to their objective, the Office of the Fairness Commissioner and the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade are frequent guests at ORAC meetings to foster a collaborative relationship.</p>
<p><u>National Alliance of Respiratory Therapy Regulatory Bodies (NARTRB)</u></p>	<p>The CRTO is a member of the NARTRB board, which consists of the eight regulatory bodies for respiratory therapy in Canada. One key role of the NARTRB is to facilitate labour mobility across all Canadian jurisdictions. To that end, the CRTO is on the steering committee to review and revise the current <u>National Competency Framework</u> (NCF). The NCF is the foundational document for the curriculum of all Canadian RT Programs and the national credentialing examination.</p> <p>The CRTO has also taken the lead in establishing a national approach to the entry-to-practice assessment of IEHP candidates.</p> <p>The CRTO also actively participates in several other NARTRB working groups aimed at harmonizing registration and practice standards, such as creating a national Standards of Practice and a common registration verification</p>

	declaration form. The shared registration verification report is intended to facilitate the transfer of common data elements between regulators when approving an applicant under labour mobility provisions.
Professional Associations - Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists (CSRT) & Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO)	The CSRT is the national advocacy body for RTs, and the RTSO is provincial. The CRTO engages with these agencies regarding matters of shared interest (e.g., dissemination of critical information and human health resources capacity).