



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Military-Trained Applicants

As defined in G.S. 93B-1, the NCRCB will issue a license to a military-trained applicant to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the respiratory therapy in North Carolina if, upon application, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) *Has been awarded a military occupational specialty and has done all of the following at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the requirements for licensure, certification, or registration of the occupational licensing board from which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State: completed a military program of training, completed testing or equivalent training and experience, and performed in the occupational specialty.*
- (2) *Has engaged in the active practice of the respiratory care for which the person is seeking a license, certification, or permit from the occupational licensing board in this State for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.*
- (3) *Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice that respiratory care in this State at the time the act was committed.*
- (4) *Pays any fees required by the occupational licensing board for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State.*

Per subparagraph section (a1), no later than 30 days following receipt of an application, we will notify an applicant when the applicant's military training or experience does not satisfy the requirements for licensure and shall specify the criteria or requirements that the board determined that the applicant failed to meet and the basis for that determination.

Per subparagraph section (c1), as required by law, we have published a document that lists the specific criteria or requirements for licensure by the board, with a description of the criteria or requirements that are satisfied by military training or experience as provided in this section, and any necessary documentation needed for obtaining the credit or satisfying the requirement. The information is published on the NCRCB web site and the web site of the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs. You can find the link to those rules and statutes by clicking on the following links <http://www.ncrcb.org/rulesandlaws.aspx> and <http://www.ncrcb.org/uploads/93B-15.1.pdf>. You may also refer to the rule at the end of this document.



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Military Spouse Applicants

The NCRCB, as an occupational licensing board, as defined in G.S. 93B-1, will issue a license, certification, or registration to a military spouse to allow the military spouse to lawfully practice the military spouse's occupation in NC, if, upon application, the military spouse satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) *Holds a current license, certification, or registration from another jurisdiction, and that jurisdiction's requirements for licensure, certification, or registration are substantially equivalent to or exceed the requirements for licensure in respiratory care which the applicant is seeking licensure in this State.*
- (2) *Can demonstrate competency in the occupation through methods as determined by the Board, such as having completed continuing education units or having had recent experience for at least two of the five years preceding the date of the application under this section.*
- (3) *Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license to practice respiratory care in this State at the time the act was committed.*
- (4) *Is in good standing and has not been disciplined by the agency that had jurisdiction to issue the license, certification, or permit.*
- (5) *Pays any fees required for which the applicant is seeking licensure, certification, or registration in this State.*

Per subparagraph (c), all relevant experience of a military service member in the discharge of official duties or, for a military spouse, all relevant experience, including full-time and part-time experience, regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, shall be credited in the calculation of years of practice in an occupation as required under subsection (a) or (b) of this section.

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SECTION .0200 – APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

21 NCAC 61 .0201 APPLICATION PROCESS

(a) Each applicant for a respiratory care practitioner license shall complete an application form provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted to the Board and shall be accompanied by:

(1) One head and shoulders passport type photograph of the applicant of acceptable quality for identification, two inches by two inches in size;

(2) The fee established in Rule .0204 of this Chapter;

(3) Evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has successfully completed the minimum requirements of a respiratory care education program approved by the Commission for Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs or the Canadian Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education;

(4) Evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements for certification in Basic Life Support which includes Adult, Child and Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), the Heimlich Maneuver, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or the American Safety and Health Institute;
and

(5) Evidence from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) of successful completion of the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) examination administered by it.

(b) Applicants for initial licensure in North Carolina, who have been inactive and who have not practiced respiratory care for a period of time greater than one year, must complete the following requirements in addition to the requirements in Paragraph (a) of this Rule:

(1) for applicants who have not practiced respiratory care for a period of time greater than one year, but less than five years, the applicant must provide evidence of twelve hours of continuing education, that meet the requirements of 21 NCAC 61 .0401, for each full year of inactivity; and

(2) for applicants who have not practiced respiratory care for a period of time greater than five years, the applicant must provide evidence of either:

(A) sixty hours of continuing education that meet the requirements of 21 NCAC 61 .0401 and evidence from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) of successful completion of the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) examination taken as an assessment examination within the 90-day period before issuance of a license, or

(B) completion of a Respiratory Care refresher course offered through a Respiratory Care Education program accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs.