

CURRENCY HOURS REQUIREMENTS



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BACKGROUND

The NSCMIRTP recognizes five separate disciplines of practice. A registrant may be licensed in more than one discipline but must remain current in all disciplines for which they are licensed.

POLICY

As a MIRTP, a registrant must meet **one of the following** currency of practice options to be eligible for registration and/or licensure in Nova Scotia:

1. Meet the minimum number of MRTP practice hours:

400 practice hours in each of the disciplines seeking license for plus an additional 400 hours of practice hours across any discipline/s for which an individual is licensed in the past five licensure years (example: for your 2020 license, you worked required hours between January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2019).

or

180 practice hours in each of the disciplines seeking license for plus an additional 180 hours of practice hours across any discipline/s for which an individual is licensed in the **last licensure** year (example: for your 2020 license, you worked required hours between January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019)

or

2. Completed all program requirements in one of the following:

- a. Nova Scotia MIRTP program in the past 5 years
- b. an accredited Canadian MIRTP program in the past 5 years
- c. an approved MIRTP re-entry program within 18 months of application or
- d. an international MIRTP program assessed as substantially similar within past 5 years

For individuals that have not met the minimum practice hours qualifications, a period of supervised practice or formalized refresher program, as determined by the registrar, is required prior to being eligible for registration in the discipline.

^{*} Note: registrants/applicants are required to retain a record of their MRTP practice hours for the past five licensure years.



Council policy provides that practice involves both clinical and technical aspects of the discipline and the College treats hours of practice the same regardless of whether they are accrued during clinical or non-clinical work so long as the hours are related to the discipline.

Practice can be based in research, education, consultation, management, administration, information technology, industry, regulation and policy or system development that is relevant to the practices of the discipline as described in the sections of the NSCM RTP Act as listed below:

- · diagnostic medical sonography section 2(k)
- magnetic resonance technology section 2(z)
- · nuclear medicine technology section 2(ze)
- · radiation therapy section 2(zt)
- · radiological technology section 2(zy)

RATIONALE

This policy provides clarity for registered MIRTPs on expectations concerning minimum hours of practice and maintenance of licensure in one or more discipline/s. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that practicing health care providers are competent in their field/s in order to protect the public and uphold standards of the profession (1).

PROCEDURE

NSCM RTP reviews registrant files annually to ensure practice hour requirements are being met for all disciplines of registration.

Rules for Calculating Practice Hours

The following rules apply when calculating practice hours:

- 1. The practice hour requirements can only be met if the practice hours fall within the definition of MIRTP services. If you are unsure whether your position meets the definition of MIRTP services, you can send your job description to info@ nscmirtp.ca attention registrar.
- 2. Hours accumulated during the orientation period are considered MIRTP practice hours and should be included in your calculations.
- 3. You can only count actual hours worked as a MRTP and not the hours you are paid while off on vacation, sick leave, long term sickness/injury or parental leave.
- 4. When counting your overtime hours worked, one overtime hour is only counted as one MIRTP practice hour, regardless of how you were paid.
- 5. Hours worked in one MIRTP designation cannot be counted toward another MIRTP designation (e.g., hours counted toward MRI practice hours cannot be counted toward X-ray practice hours);
- 6. Practice hours are calculated based on the NSCMIRTP licensure year (between Jan 1 and December 31).



How to Change My Reported Practice Hours

• If there is a miscalculation of your hours for the previous licensure years, you can contact the NSCMIRTP office at info@nscmirtp.ca with the corrected hours.

How to Re-Establish Currency of Practice

- If you do not meet one of the currency of practice options listed above, you must re-establish your currency of practice to become licensed in Nova Scotia. There are two ways this can be accomplished:
 - Successfully complete a MIRTP re-entry program
 - If an individual can demonstrate proof of inability to obtain access to required practice hours, you can apply to the credentials committee for an exception and determination of an alternative method to prove currency. Please see policy C-19 alternative proof of currency

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