

NEWS LETTER

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Practice ?

You are a dual licensed technologist in MRI and Radiological Technology that has been selected for audit. You have submitted proof of currency hours stating that you worked for a total of 700 hours in MRI over the past 5 years and a 250 hrs in radiological technology in the past year. Does this meet currency requirements for the College?

- No for both disciplines
- No for MRI and yes for radiological technology
- Yes for MRI and no for radiological technology
- Yes for both disciplines
- Insufficient information to determine

*[Hint](https://nscmirtp.ca/resources/nscmirtp-polices-and-position-statements) <https://nscmirtp.ca/resources/nscmirtp-polices-and-position-statements>

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AGM & Plenary Session



NSCMIRTP 2nd Annual General Meeting will take place virtually on **Saturday June 11th 2022 at 11am**. To attend you will need to register [here](#). The annual report will be posted to the [website](#) by May 11th 2022.

Prior to the AGM from 9.30 - 10.30am there will be a plenary talk. The tentative topic will be a guest speaker discussing the role of continuing professional development.

For those not available to attend the AGM live, the recording will be available on our [You Tube Channel](#) approximately one week after the live event.

CPD credits can be claimed for both the plenary session and the AGM, CPD certificates will be sent out to those in attendance. If you attend as a group, the person who registered can email a list of attendees including times and signatures to info@nscmirtp.ca, CPD certificates will then be issued. NSCMIRTP will endeavour to have all certificates distributed within 2 weeks of the AGM. If you watch the AGM on You Tube you can claim CPD credits but they will be classified as unverifiable as a certificate can not be issued. Please reach out to joannejones@nscmirtp.ca with any questions related to these certificates.

Call for Volunteers

Financial Committee We are seeking a member of the finance committee who has experience reviewing financial statements. 3 year term.



Jurisprudence module and refresher programs We are looking for one individual from each of the five disciplines to review draft documents and provide edits and feedback. Short term commitment of approximately 6 months.

Nominations committee We are seeking an additional committee member to oversee elections and executive appointment processes . 3 year term.

Legislative review working group The provincial government is seeking to modernize health regulation in the province. As a stakeholder NSCMIRTP will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion and feedback process. We are seeking MIRTTPs that are interested in helping to shape legislative changes in the province. This is expected to be a 1 year commitment.

Communications working group. As part of its strategic plan the NSCMIRTP has hired a public relations firm to develop a communications plan, messaging and PR outreach. We are seeking MIRTTPs that are interested in participating in helping to direct the content and direction of College communication. This is expected to be an 8 month commitment.

College volunteer work can be used for CPD credit. Please reach out to info@nscmirtp.ca if you are interested in any of the available volunteer opportunities.

For videos and news view [NSCMIRTP-YouTube Channel](#)



Accreditation Canada—Volunteer Opportunity



Accreditation Canada, through their Equal program, is responsible for conducting the accreditation of MIRTTP educational programs in Canada. Each accreditation requires a panel of experts, including practicing technologists, to perform an accreditation. Expenses are covered by Accreditation Canada and participation on such a panel is an approved CPD activity. They are currently seeking a nuclear medicine technologist fluent in French and Vascular and Echo sonographers to serve in this capacity. For further information please reach out to info@nscmirtp.ca.

Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)

Proof of professional liability insurance will no longer be aligned with the renewal process. As registrants are covered by different policies with various end dates, aligning it with the renewal process created several process issues. Going forward, 30 days prior to the expiration of a registrant's PLI policy they will receive an automated email from NSCMRITP reminding them to update their policy. In the event they do not update it prior to expiration the College will receive an automatic notification. NSCMIRTP will follow-up individually with the registrant to ensure they maintain the ongoing licensing requirement of holding active PLI coverage.

New Deputy Registrar



We would like to welcome **Jacqueline Metzler** who will be joining the staff at NSCMIRTP on April 28th 2022 in the new role of Deputy Registrar. She will be working 15 hours per week with principle areas of responsibilities anticipated to be application review and approval, oversight of continuing professional development program, as well as policy development as needed to support the College's mission and mandate.

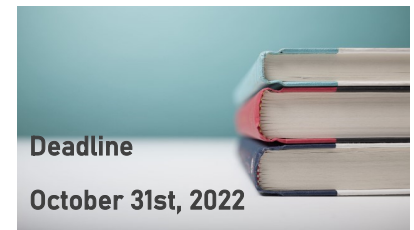


COVID-19 Update

With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions the College will begin to increase its participation in live collaborations. Given the ongoing number of infections in the province site visits will remain on hold for spring of 2022 but live participation in national conference and Network meetings will go ahead in BC. The office will remain on a hybrid model of working 50% from home with the exception of the deputy registrar position which will be a predominantly remote position once onboarding is complete. While mask restrictions have been lifted in our office building those visiting the NSCMIRTP office are encouraged to continue to be masked.

Continued Professional Development (CPD)

October 31st 2022 marks the end of the first two year cycle for CPD. There are a few important updates related to this first cycle that all registrants should be aware of.



1. Once you have your 30 credits and choose to submit your portfolio you can no longer access it. It is recommended that even if you have entered and completed your required credits that you do not submit until the end of September to allow you ongoing access in the event you want to make any edits to it.
2. If you have already submitted and need to make an edit prior to Oct 31st please reach out to info@nscmirtp.ca to request submission to be reversed.
3. **CPD credits requiring assessment.** There has been an ongoing issue with adequate administrative access to the back end of the CPD platform. The initial fix is inadequate and the 3rd party provider is aware. They are currently working to address these deficiencies and it is expected that the platform will have fixes completed by July 2022. There are several registrants that have entered credits related to research and/or educational program development that are waiting for assessment values to be assigned. If this applies to you please reach out to julieavery@nscmirtp.ca ASAP. Assessments will be done and values will be communicated to you.
4. On Nov 1st 2022 an audit list of approximately 75 registrants will be generated. Those selected for audit will receive notification the first week of Nov 2022.

Workforce Planning



The NSCMIRTP is currently part of a working group lead by the Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) concerned with MIRTP work force planning. According to our registration data approximately 30% of registrants self-declare as unemployed or working in a part-time, casual or temporary capacity. In trying to gather data for workforce planning group these individuals were contacted to answer a few questions. It was determined that many of these registrants had not updated their employment data in the College portal. Accuracy of the data in the registrant portal is important. Data is used to assist NSCMIRTP in carrying out their regulatory responsibilities and anonymized data is shared with DHW for workforce planning. Incorrect data can impact decisions related to MIRTP workforce. It is the responsibility of the registrant to update their information as it changes. Additionally at renewal you are asked to review and acknowledge that the information is accurate.

Please ensure that your information on the registration platform is up to date.

Please visit our website for more information and resources www.nscmirtp.ca

Research



The NSCMIRTP recognizes the importance of research to inform evidence based practice. Given this when requests are received related to MIRTP participation in research the College will include these in newsletters if they have received ethics approval and the topic is relevant to our registrants. Please note participation in this research is voluntary and the College has no position or affiliation with this research in any capacity. There are no incentives or consequences related to a registrants choice to participate or not to participate.

Cyrstal Smeaton BHSc(R), MRT, CBI, CTIC is looking for participants for a study exploring the opinions, attitudes, beliefs and practices of Nova Scotian Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals surrounding CPD activities, following the provincial mandatory CPD program implementation. This study is part of my Master of Adult Education Program student at St. Francis Xavier University. They are seeking to conduct 1.5 hour interviews with six to eight Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals who:

- are fully licensed registrants with the College
- have worked between five and ten years in the profession within Nova Scotia;
- have completed CPD activities for at least a year before and a year after the mandatory CPD program implementation.

Crystal looks forward to hearing from you and welcomes any questions regarding this study. If you are interested in participation please contact her at x2020gev@stfx.ca

Practice Advisory Answer

The correct answer is “e” -*Insufficient information to determine*

At first glance it would seem that this person meets requirements as they have exceed 400 hours in MRI over the past 5 years and 180 hours in rad tech in the past year. However the currency hour policy states:

*“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 **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 “*

The only way to determine if this registrant meets currency requirements is to have a breakdown of hours for both disciplines across the 5 years. With 750hrs in MRI there would need to be evidence of 450 hours in rad tech over 5 years to meet the first option or with 250 hours in rad tech in the past year there would need to be evidence of 290 hours in MRI in the past year. Given the substantial number of hours completed by the registrant if they do not meet currency requirements they would be assessed under the alternate assessment to currency policy as an option to regain currency rather than having to complete a refresher program.

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