

NSCMIRTP Refresher Programs

The NSCMIRTP refresher programs are re-entry to practice program for Canadian-educated MRTs and Sonographers who wish to license as an MIRTP in Nova Scotia. These programs provide MRT/DMSs who have not practiced in the past 5 years an opportunity to re-attain professional competence. Prospective candidates should verify that successful completion of this refresher program meets the requirements of the provincial licensing body for re-instatement of professional certification. The program includes two components: academic and clinical. Both components must be completed within a twelve-month period.

Canadian Trained: Re-entry to Practice

Pre-requisites

Candidates for the refresher program must have previously:

- Passed the appropriate national certification exam (CAMRT or Sonography Canada),
- Been a registrant of a professional licensing body where regulated, or a member of an association where unregulated, within Canada in the practice area of DMS in Canada,
OR
- been approved by the regulatory body in your jurisdiction to take the program.

Academic Component

The academic portion of the refresher program is self-directed. Individuals are directed to the required resources which cover the objectives for each unit. The topics covered and examined mirror the CAMRT or Sonography Canada competency profile. Candidates should use these questions to gauge their understanding of the content, and their readiness to challenge the final exam. Candidates should be aware these questions are not inclusive of all learning objectives in the course.

When all units are completed, the candidate must write a supervised final exam. The exam will cover all material from the refresher program. It will be structured as a 150-question multiple-choice exam. Candidates must attain a mark of 65% to proceed to the clinical portion of the refresher program. If unsuccessful, candidates must wait a minimum of 2 weeks before a re-write is permitted. A maximum of two re-writes are permitted. Requests for exceptions to this

policy must be made to the Executive of the NSCMIRTP. Candidates have the option to challenge the exam without taking the academic portion of the refresher program. Request can be made to the refresher program supervisor.

Clinical Component

Prior to commencing the clinical component of the refresher program, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Successful completion of the academic component
- Proof of current CPR for Health Care Providers
- Proof of Liability Insurance
- Any additional requirements required by the clinical site.

Candidates will be required to secure their own clinical placements, which must be approved by the NSCMIRTP refresher program supervisor. A minimum of 420 clinical hours must be completed within a 6-month period. A designated preceptor will track clinical proficiency via the use of a clinical summary to record successful attainment of required clinical competencies. If a clinical site is unable to deliver all required procedures, the candidate may have to arrange further clinical experiences at another clinical site.

Professional Liability Insurance (PLI)

Liability insurance during the clinical component of the refresher program is the responsibility of the candidate. Further information on obtaining personal liability insurance is available on either the CAMRT, Sonography Canada or OAMRS website. Please note if you are doing your clinical experience in a regulated jurisdiction, you may need to be licensed with your provincial regulator to be covered by a PLI policy.

Application and Fees

Application forms, and program guides for these refresher programs, can be accessed through the provided link: <https://nscmirtp.ca/applicants/refresher-program>

Fees for these programs include:

- Administrative Fee \$100
- Academic/Exam Fee \$350
- Clinical Fee \$350

For more information, please call the NSCMIRTP at [1-902-832-3167](tel:1-902-832-3167).