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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE NOTES

49 states regulate respiratory care practice, and they all recognize NBRC credentials as the standards for licensure, forming the basis for reciprocity and enabling credentialed practitioners to relocate from one state to another with ease.

Some states require that a particular body accredit the academic program. Examples of licensure application requirements (among others) may include submission of an official college transcript, a Social Security number, and a photo ID, driver's license, or passport. Some states require criminal background checks and fingerprinting. Final determination of individual state requirements for licensure or registry can only be confirmed by that state's governing body.

North Carolina requires a Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) license from the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board. Applicants must have completed an accredited program and passed the entry-level examination from the National Board of Respiratory Care.

Sandhills Community College Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Graduates of Sandhills' program may be eligible to take entry-level examinations from the National Board of Respiratory Care. Graduates are also eligible for the Advanced Practitioner examination for a maximum of three years after passing the entry-level examination.

To easily find professional registry and licensure requirements in other states, visit https://www.nbrc.org/resources/#state-licensing

STATE	MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DOES NOT MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS	
Alabama		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Alaska	NA	NA	Profession not regulated	
American Samoa	NA	NA	Information not available	
Arizona		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Arkansas		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
California		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Colorado		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Connecticut		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Delaware		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Florida		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Georgia		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Guam	NA	NA	Information not available	
Hawaii		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Idaho		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Illinois		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Indiana		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Iowa		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Kansas		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Kentucky		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Louisiana		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Maine		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Maryland		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Massachusetts		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Michigan		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Minnesota		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Mississippi		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Missouri		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Montana		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Nebraska		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Nevada		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
New Hampshire		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
New Jersey		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
New Mexico		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
New York		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
North Carolina	X		Accepts NBRC credentials	
North Dakota		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Northern Mariana Islands	NA	NA	Information not available	
Ohio		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Oklahoma		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Oregon		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Pennsylvania		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Puerto Rico	NA	NA	Information not available	
Rhode Island		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
South Carolina		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
South Dakota		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Tennessee		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Texas		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
US Virgin Islands	NA	NA	Information not available	
Utah		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Vermont		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Virginia		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Washington		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
West Virginia		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Wisconsin		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	
Wyoming		X	Accepts NBRC credentials	