

## Policy: Practice Hours

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### Policy Statement

#### Background

The College of Allied Health Professionals of PEI (CAHPPEI) mandate is to ensure registrants are qualified to practice as medical laboratory technologists (MLT), medical radiation technologists (MRT) and respiratory therapists (RT) in Prince Edward Island pursuant to the *Allied Health Professionals Regulations* sections 13, 27, and 41. There is a number of different fields in which registrants of the College of Allied Health can practise.

#### Scope

In accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act and Regulations, this policy defines the areas and hours of practice that meet the criteria to be considered applicable for a practicing Medical Laboratory Technologist (MLT), Medical Radiation technologist (MRT), and Respiratory Therapist (RT).

#### Purpose

This policy provides registrants of the College of Allied Health with approved areas of practice within the regulated professions of MLT, MRT, and RT and how this practice is reported.

### Definitions

- **Practice:** Activities that are performed, with compensation, consistent with the scope of practice for the MLT, MRT, RT.
- **Esoteric Lab:** Esoteric testing is typically related to the medical fields such as endocrinology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, molecular diagnostics, oncology, serology and toxicology.

## 1. Practice Hours Requirements

1.1 In order to maintain registration with the CAHPPEI a registrant must be working in one or more of the areas described in Section 5, 6 or 7. The minimum practice hours required are:

- i. MLT require 900 hours in a four (4) year period.
- ii. MRT require 600 hours in a three (3) year period for primary discipline and 160 hours for secondary discipline over a three (3) year period.
- iii. RRT require 1500 hours in a four (4) year period.

## 2. Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT)

2.1 Practice hours of work must be within the following Medical Laboratory Technology disciplines and or extensions of these disciplines approved by the CAHPPEI:

- a. Clinical Chemistry, Clinical Microbiology, Hematology, Transfusion Science, Histology/Cytology, Clinical Genetics, Virology, Toxicology, Point of Care Testing, Esoteric Labs
- b. Medical laboratory technology management
- c. Medical laboratory technology education programs
- d. Medical laboratory technology research
- e. Phlebotomy \*
- f. Accessioning \*
- g. Laboratory information systems

\* In order to be registered to practice for these areas, the MLT is required to be in a MLT position.

2.2 Hours worked in the areas listed in above may be worked in any of the following settings:

- a. hospital laboratories
- b. private laboratories
- c. provincial laboratories
- d. medical clinics
- e. medical laboratory technology diagnostic research laboratories
- f. physicians' office laboratories
- g. wellness centres
- h. specimen collection centres
- i. blood transfusion agencies
- j. medical laboratory technology training institutions
- k. other setting approved under regulation

### 3.0 Medical Radiation Technology (MRT)

3.1 Practice hours of work must be within the following Medical Radiation Technology disciplines and or extensions of these disciplines approved by the CAHPPEI:

- a. Radiological Technology (Bone Mineral Density, Computed Tomography (CT), Mammography, Interventional Radiography)
- b. Nuclear Medicine
- c. Radiation Therapy
- d. Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- e. Medical Radiation Technology management
- f. Medical Radiation Technology education programs
- g. Medical Radiation Technology research
- h. Medical Radiation Technology information systems (i.e. PACS, Cerner)
- i. Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

3.2 Hours worked in the areas listed in above may be worked in any of the following settings:

- a. hospital imaging departments
- b. hospital cancer treatment center
- c. private imaging departments
- d. medical clinics
- e. Medical Radiation Technology training institutions
- f. other settings approved under regulation

### 4.0 Respiratory Therapy (RT)

4.1 A Respiratory Therapist is practicing if any of the following apply:

- a. Providing direct patient care RT services to individuals and/or groups of individuals
  - Providing diagnostic/assessment, therapeutic, and rehabilitation services
- b. Providing RT education to patients, patient's family members, other healthcare professionals (regulated and non-regulated) and/or students
  - Health promotion, health counseling services (e.g., smoking cessation, spirometry testing)
  - Developing/delivering learning resources
  - Information/education related to RT equipment and products
- c. Providing administrative services that have a direct or indirect effect on those who receive healthcare services
  - Policy/practice development and implementation

4.2 To practice as an RT in Prince Edward Island (PEI) you must be registered with the CAHPPEI. RT practice can take place in a variety of settings, such as (but not limited to):

- a. hospitals
- b. community-based practices
- c. educational institutions
- d. independent practices
- e. government health agencies
- f. healthcare research
- g. pharmaceutical companies
- h. medical equipment supply companies

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