



NORTH CAROLINA RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

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Position Statement Unlicensed CRT's and RRT's

This Position Statement from the Respiratory Care Board will interpret the provisions of GS 90-661 and Board concerns with individuals who are Certified Respiratory Therapists (CRT) and/or Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRT) and are not licensed by the Board. The Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential is a voluntary credential awarded by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

GS 90-661 states that after October 1, 2002 it shall be unlawful for any person who is not currently licensed under this Article to: (1) Engage in the practice of Respiratory Care. (2) Use the title "Respiratory Care Practitioner". (3) Use the letters "RCP", "RTT", "RT", or any facsimile or combination in any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia. (4) Imply orally or in writing or indicate in any way that the person is a Respiratory Care Practitioner or is otherwise licensed under this Article, and (5) Employ or solicit for employment unlicensed persons to practice Respiratory Care.

The Board interprets this statute to mean that the individual who is not licensed by the Board and has earned a credential from the NBRC may display the credential on name tags and business cards. In addition, the individual may inform the public of his/her credential, when asked, or when the fact of that credential is otherwise pertinent. If the individual is not licensed by the Board, then the individual may not in any way imply to anyone that he/she is (1) Licensed by the Board, (2) Use any title or letters to imply he/she is licensed by the Board or (3) Otherwise practice Respiratory Care in this state. In any written or oral communication in which the subject of a credential from the NBRC might arise, the individual must inform the public that he/she is not licensed by the Board, and that the CRT and RRT credential does not give him/her legal authority to practice Respiratory Care in North Carolina.

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