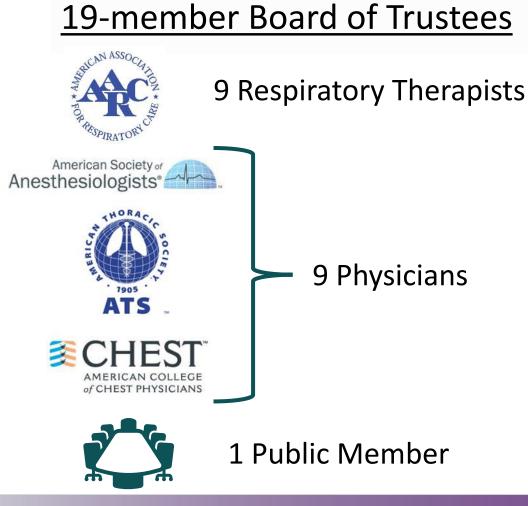
How to Apply for Examinations, Maintain Credentials, and Support Respiratory Therapists

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Who is the NBRC?



Many More Dedicated Volunteers

- Several examination committee consultants
 - TMC NPS
 - CSE PFT
 - ACCS
 SDS

• AE-C

 32-member Credential Maintenance Program Panel

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• Dozens of active item writers

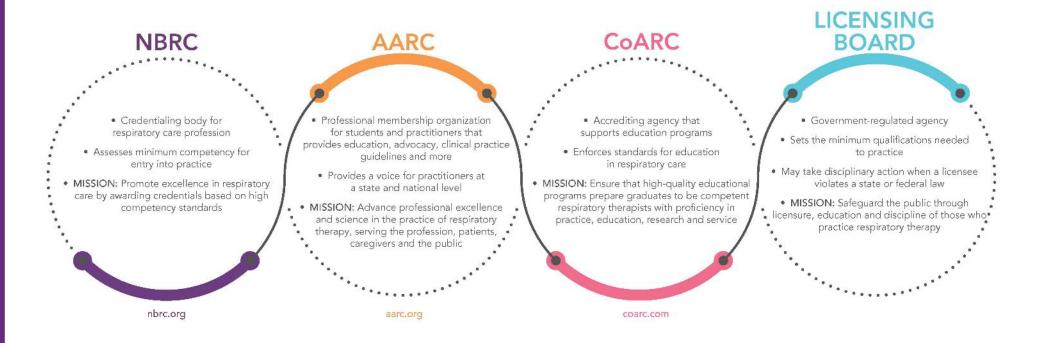






Respiratory Care Organizations: Who We Are

Working collaboratively with other national organizations that share the universal goal of protecting and enhancing patient lives through excellence in respiratory care, we come together to promote and serve the profession. Below, you can learn more about how each organization commits to the greater whole of respiratory care.







NBRC Credentials of Excellence

- Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)
- Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT)
- Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPFT)
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist (RRT-NPS)
- Sleep Disorders Specialist (CRT-SDS or RRT-SDS)
- Adult Critical Care Specialist (RRT-ACCS)



Recognition of NBRC Credentials

State licensure agencies

- The practice of respiratory care is regulated in 49 states.
- Several states require the RRT credential for initial licensure and many are moving in this direction.

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Required by employers



	Viability Study	Conduct a viability study to consider whether development of a new credentialing program is desirable and feasible.
How examination	Personnel Survey	Conduct a personnel survey study to determine whether (1) a sufficiently large population exists to support a new program and (2) national practice is uniform.
content is developed	Job Analysis Study	Conduct a job analysis study to (1) assess whether there is a body of content that can be tested and if so, (2) ensure examination content is based on tasks that are critical to competent practice.
	Test Specifications	Develop test specifications as the terminal event of a job analysis and provide a blueprint for each standardized examination form that is developed.





Examination Process

- 1. Receive confirmation of graduation email
- 2. Prepare for an examination
 - Access self-assessment examination and free practice exam available on NBRC.org
- 3. Access the Practitioner Portal
- 4. Apply for an examination
 - Receive confirmation onscreen and by email
- 5. Schedule examination with PSI
- 6. Test day
- 7. Receive results





1. Receive Confirmation of Graduation Email

From: National Board For Respiratory Care [mailto:NBRCapplications@NBRC.org] Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:35 PM To: Subject: Apply Now for an NBRC Examination

Congratulations on your graduation from GATEWAY CMNTY CLG! To apply online for an NBRC examination, you must click on the link below to activate your account for the first time.

https://practitionerPortal.nbrc.org

On the sign in screen, you will be required to enter your email address and the temporary password listed below to create your account. You may change your password after your account is activated.

Temporary Password:

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us by e-mail at https://www.nbw.email.org or by phone at (913) 895-4900.

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2. Prepare for an Examination

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Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)

The Therapist Multiple-Choice (TMC) Examination objectively measures essential knowledge, skills, and abilities required of respiratory therapists at entry into practice. Passing the TMC Examination and wearing the CRT badge of distinction signals to employers, colleagues and patients that you are committed to excellence in respiratory care. Additionally, all 49 states that regulate the practice of respiratory care use the CRT or RRT credential as the basis for state licensure.

The TMC Examination also determines your eligibility for the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) which is required for the RRT credential. For more information, click or tap on a topic below, or visit our **TMC Exam FAQs**.

CRT

Apply for the TMC Examination Now

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 ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS
 FREE
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ASSESSMENT
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3. Access the Practitioner Portal

Gain immediate access to your Digital Badge when you pay your annual fee online: Don't forget to Choose One: Login Now

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VOICES OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY

We are celebrating the specialized skills of respiratory therapists and the vital role you play every day – especially now, on the front lines of COVID-19. Inspire others by sharing your story!

Sign In	
Email	
Password	



Don't have an account? Create an Account

If you hold a credential with the NBRC or have previously attempted an examination:

- Enter the email and password you previously established.
- If you don't have an account established, please select the 'Create an Account' link.

If you are a recent graduate from an accredited educational program:

 An email was sent to you when your school submitted your graduation information electronically. Use the link and temporary password in your email to establish an account. If you did not receive an email with this information, please contact your school to verify your graduation record has been sent to our office.





4. Apply for an Examination

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examinat	tion not listed below, please submit a paper <u>application</u> fice for processing.	
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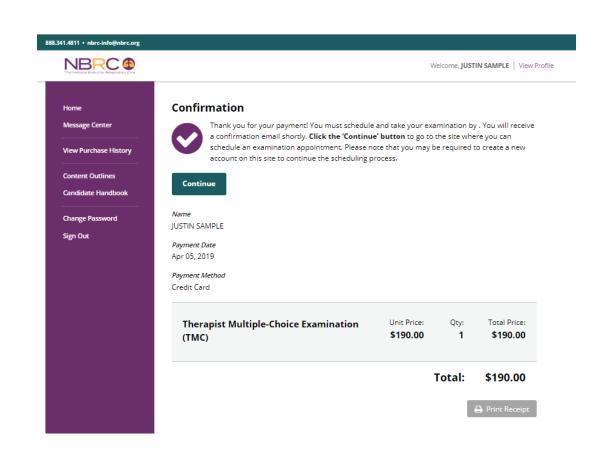






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Receive Confirmation



From: National Board For Respiratory Care Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 1:54 PM To: Email Subject: NBRC Application Approval and Exam Scheduling Instructions

Dear JUSTIN SAMPLE:

Congratulations! Your application for the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination has been approved. Your payment in the amount of \$190 was received on u/s/2019.

To schedule an examination appointment, go online at goAMP com or call 888 519 9901. The last day you may take the examination without forfeiture of your application fee is 7/4/2019. As indicated in the Candidate Handbook, if you do not take the examination on or before this date you must reapply and submit another payment.

The name and address below will be on your score report and your official NBRC credentialing certificate and wallet card. In addition, your name MUST match the identification presented when taking the examination.

- If your name and/or address is incorrect, contact our office immediately.
- If you don't contact our office to correct this information before your examination date, you will be required to purchase a new certificate and wallet card with the corrected information.
- You must contact our office by phone at g13 895,4900 to change your name.
- Changes of address may be made online at <u>nbrc org</u>.

If you have questions concerning your application, please contact our office at 913 895, 4900. Best wishes for success on the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination!



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5. Schedule Examination with PSI

- Earliest appointment can be made within two business day of application confirmation
- Schedule and take exam within 90 days to avoid forfeiting application and fees
- Two options for exam locations
 - Testing centers nearly 300 locations open Monday-Saturday (except select holidays)
 - Live remote proctoring sessions available 24/7









7. Receive Results



CANDIDATES RECEIVE EXAMINATION RESULTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER TESTING CANDIDATES PASSING THE TMC AT HIGH CUT SCORE CAN APPLY FOR CSE AFTER TWO BUSINESS DAYS

REAPPLY AFTER TWO BUSINESS DAYS



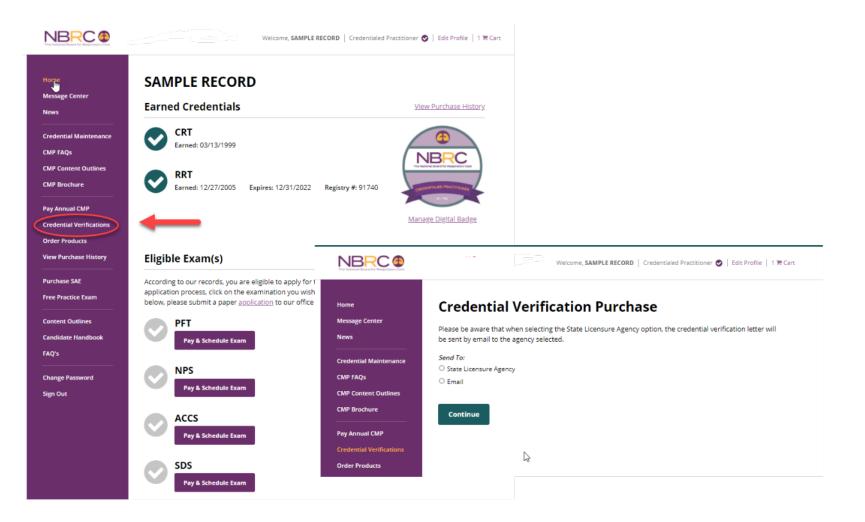


Examination Repeat Attempt Policy

Examination	Initial Attempts Without Waiting	Days Between Each Subsequent Attempt
Therapist Multiple-Choice	3	120
Clinical Simulation	3	120
Pulmonary Function Technology	2	180
Neonatal / Pediatric Specialty	2	180
Sleep Disorders Specialty	2	180
Adult Critical Care Specialty	2	180
Asthma Educator Specialty	2	180



Purchase a Credential Verification





Digital Badges

- Shows all earned credentials
- Can easily be added to an email signature, resume, or social media profile
- Awarded upon earning a new credential or after submitting annual payment and may be used through December 31.





Digital Badge Example



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Credentials Earned



6/27/2011 Expires:06/30/2027



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Earned:06/10/2011 Expires:06/30/2027 Registry #: 123456



Earned:06/14/2012 Expires:06/30/2027

AE-C Earned:0

Earned:03/05/2013 Expires:03/31/2025

Credentials expire on the date indicated and will not be recognized as valid if this individual does not complete the Credential Maintenance Program requirements. If a expired date is not listed, the credential does not expire and the individual is not required to participate in the Credential Maintenance Program.

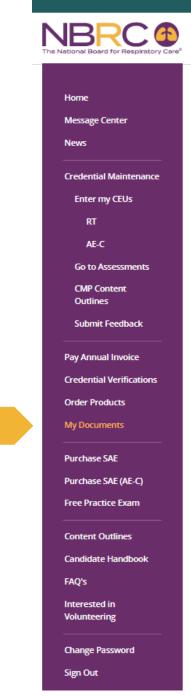


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Certificates and Wallet Cards

- First-time credential holders to request a printed certificate and wallet card at no cost within one year of earning the credential
- Provides immediate access to credentialing material through the Practitioner Portal
- Allows repeated access to material throughout the credentialing cycle
- Supports the NBRC's social responsibility for a safer environment





I earned my credential, now what?

- Credentials are valid for 5 years
- \$25 annual maintenance fee
- Participate in the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) to maintain credentials

Three ways to participate:



Participate in quarterly assessments and/or document CEUs

- AARC CRCE approved courses
- CE courses accepted by your state licensing board



Take a new exam



Re-take and pass the exam associated with your highest held credential



CMP Assessment Details

	Developed by a panel of RTs and physicians	5
	Administered quarterly	CRT/RRT – 10 items Specialty Credentials – 5 items
	Assessments are open until January 31 of t	he next year
	Access through a phone, tablet, or comput	er.
	Items can be answered all at once or return	n later to complete the assessment.
<u> 11</u>	Ability to use resources (journal articles, books, Internet searches, etc.)	Must work independently. Cannot disclose information. System records copy or print attempts.





CMP Assessments

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Earn CRCE Credit!

NEW – Complete at least 90% of assessment questions in a calendar year to earn CRCE credits!

- General RT assessments 6 CRCE credits
- Specialty assessments 3 CRCE credits





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Supporting You and the Respiratory Community

Lambda Beta Society Scholarships and Awards



Any student currently enrolled in a respiratory care program accredited by CoARC may apply.

These awards also include \$750 in travel expenses and registration to AARC Congress

Visit lambdabeta.org for award rubrics, checklists, and applications

Apply by May 31

Frederic Helmholz, MD Scholarship – Up to \$2,500

Presented on the merit of an independent, original narrative review of literature related to respiratory care practice.



CoARC Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award – \$2,000

Presented on the merit of an original presentation relevant to respiratory care.



NBRC Leadership Award – Up to \$2,000

Presented to a student who has shown exemplary leadership in their educational career and volunteer and community service.





American Respiratory Care Foundation Awards

Visit arcfoundation.org for applications and more information

Apply by June 1

The following awards, which are endowed by the NBRC, also include airfare, lodging and registration for AARC Congress.

NBRC Frederic Helmholz, Jr., MD Educational Research Fund – Up to \$5,000

Awarded to qualified investigators in the field of respiratory care for educational or credentialing research.

NBRC Gareth B. Gish, MS, RRT, Memorial Postgraduate Education Recognition Award – Up to \$5,000

Presented to a respiratory therapist pursuing postgraduate education leading to an advanced degree.

NBRC William W. Burgin, Jr., MD & Robert M. Lawrence, MD Education Recognition Award – Up to \$7,500

Presented to a third- or fourth-year student enrolled in a CoARC-accredited respiratory therapy program leading to a baccalaureate degree.

NBRC Gary A. Smith Educational Award for Innovation in Education Achievement – \$2,500

Presented to an individual who uses innovative educational methods in formal respiratory care education programs, clinical education training programs and patient education programs that address current challenges in respiratory care education.



2022 CHOOSE to GIVE

- Thousands of respiratory therapists made a collective difference by designating a portion of their annual fee
 - Fund scholarships
 - Grants
 - Awards for current and future practitioners.
- Supported the long-term recruitment, retention, and advancement of respiratory therapists





MoreRTs.com: Getting the Attention of Prospective RTs

The NBRC has joined forces with the AARC and CoARC to increase recognition of the difference you make in patients' lives – and the growing need for more RTs.

We are all working toward the same goal.



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What key factors are driving the shortage of RTs and the need to improve recruitment and retention?



Participation is down in educational programs.¹

• 27% decrease in enrollment since 2010

• Only **10%** of programs at capacity

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Retirements of RTs are outpacing new growth.²

 More than 92,000 RTs will leave by 2030

 Need to retain more than 155,000 RTs



Burnout is escalating³

- 72% are feeling the effects
- 93% say burnout a major issue



The need for quality respiratory care is increasing.

 19% growth projected for RT jobs by 2029⁴

• **100M+** million Americans affected by respiratory disorders

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With more RTs, not only can we work to meet the higher demand, but we also can increase specialization in critical care and provide respiratory care in emergency departments, intensive care units or other hospital areas. RTs make an invaluable impact in managing life support or ventilation systems, administering aerosol-based medications, managing artificial airways, assessing lung capacity, and many other key functions to help keep patients breathing.



DELIVERING SOLUTIONS

Answering the Call

We are celebrating the specialized skills of respiratory therapists and spotlighting the vital role you play every day. Together, we continue to overcome the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, but the need for more respiratory therapists will keep rising for years to come. Powerful stories from respiratory therapists, physicians, patients and others will inspire more people to join the profession, fulfilling the demand for high-quality respiratory care for all who need it now and in the future.

-The National Sound for Respiratory (NSRC), the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC), and the Commission on Accorditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)



The NBRC, AARC and CoARC have launched a multi-year, national campaign to:

1. Raise public awareness of the value of the respiratory care profession

2. Recruit and retain more respiratory therapists

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3. Identify, shape and inspire new leadership in the profession

See and Share Our Featured Patient Story

RTs save and impact lives every single day. Sometimes, though, the impact a respiratory therapist has on a patient's life is so dramatic or life-altering, it becomes especially memorable – and deserves to be told and retold. The shortage of RTs is even more poignant when we consider how the story might have ended differently – if not for that special person who decided to become an RT. Please share these stories far and wide so we can build awareness and further the reach of our MoreRTs movement.







Join Our TikTok Contest Today

Let's inspire a new generation of respiratory therapists by spreading our message on TikTok. To enter this contest, create your own video illustrating why you #ChooseRT. Through videos that resonate with young people considering their career options, we will grow the profession and address the RT shortage together. Plus, you might even win a prize!



A Message from the 20th U.S. Surgeon General

Former U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, FASA, joins our #WorldNeedsMoreRTs campaign to share the importance of respiratory care and encourage more people to join this rewarding profession that provides critical care for so many.



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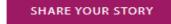
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Dennis Lawlor, MD, FCCP Olathe, KS











SHARE YOUR STORY



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How You Can Help

Each of us has something unique to offer this effort to raise awareness and overcome the RT shortage, and we welcome all types of support:

Are you thinking about entering the respiratory care field?

Check out our resources on **Becoming an RT** to learn more and get started.

Are you an experienced respiratory therapist who wants to help educate new generations of RTs?

Explore more about how you can start that path today.

Do you have a story about the impact of respiratory therapy?

If you are a respiratory therapist, a physician or clinical colleague, a respiratory care educator or student, a patient, or anyone else whose life is affected by the work of RTs, **tell us that story** to join our collective voice and bolster our power to make a difference.

Do you know an organization that may be interested in funding our effort?

Contact us to introduce potential financial contributors so we can make the most of our campaign.

If we are united in this shared purpose of growing interest, awareness and numbers in the profession, we will strengthen the future by ensuring access to high-quality respiratory care for everyone who needs it. Join us!

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Thanks for Showing Why You #ChooseRT

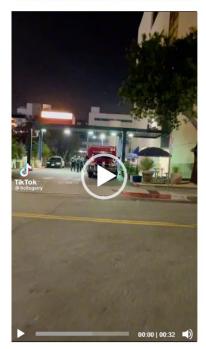
Spotlighting what you love about respiratory therapy can make a world of difference.

To everyone who joined our 2022 TikTok contest: Thank you!

We are grateful for your involvement in inspiring the next generation of RTs – and with so many fantastic entries, we wish everyone could be a winner. We are thrilled to announce your collective videos were a huge success, with **over 160 unique videos** generating **more than 2.2 million views**. That's amazing! We appreciate every second you spent helping to spread the word about the rewards of working in respiratory therapy.

First Place: Garry, RRT

From ventilators and intubations to newborn care and more, Garry takes us through an eventful day in his life as an RT.



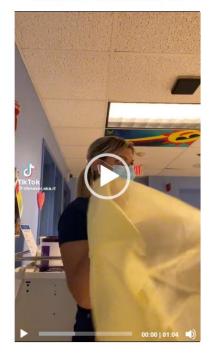
Second Place: Pamela Colon, RRT

Pamela shows us that when it's a matter of life or death, RTs are right there on the front lines – and failure is not an option.



Third Place: Yelena Lopez, RRT

Through the many critical situations that RTs face, Yelena shows us they are unstoppable – today and every day.





Professionalism: It Makes a Big Difference!

- We all have a voice
 - A small action can grow into a good or bad influence on those around us
- What we do and how we do it is noticed

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Serve as a champion to ignite good changes in the profession



Be a Champion for the Profession

- Use Your Voice
 - Serve as a role model for others in the profession
 - Guide the next generation of leaders
 - Challenge mentees to grow and achieve goals
- Be a Mentor
 - It takes practice to create a professional plan for success

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- Mentoring programs become a tool for recruitment and retention
- Spread awareness

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Find Your Champions

- Creating a successful, professional plan takes planning and practice
- Champions provide
 - A mentoring opportunity
 - Career advice and guidance for challenges and opportunities
 - Assistance with setting goals
 - SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound) goals
 - Tools to advance your executive skill set
 - Communication
 - Appearance
- A potential mentee should initiate the process
 - Shows ambition and a drive to be successful
 - Don't expect a mentor to find you!







Executive Function Skills

- Communicate in a professional manner
 - Letters, emails, calls, or in person
- Dress for success
 - Determine the appropriate wardrobe based on the event
 - Clinical work
 - Job interview
 - Attending a networking event

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• Accepting an award



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Get Involved

- Everyone has a voice and a role to play
- Maintain your credentials
- Membership
 - Professional association
 - Benefits for the individual and profession
 - State society
- Volunteer opportunities
 - Item writing
 - State society
 - CMP panel
 - Conference planning committees
 - Health fairs

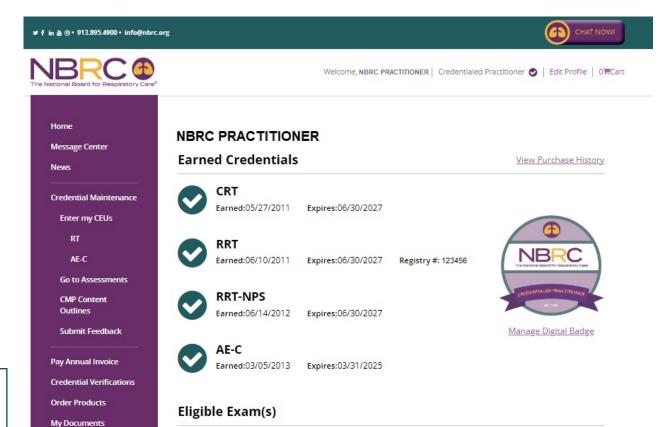
JONUS. Social Media Ambassador Program

- One-year commitment stay tuned for the call for more ambassadors next year!
- Create at least one original post and story
- Share curated NBRC content monthly within specified timeframe
- Get incentives like gift cards or NBRC swag!

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Be one, know one, follow one!



According to our records, you are eligible to apply for the examination(s) listed below. To begin the application process, click on the examination you wish to apply for. To apply for an examination not listed below, please submit a paper <u>application</u> to our office for processing.



Complete Volunteer Application Here

Purchase SAE

Purchase SAE (AE-C)

Free Practice Exam

Content Outlines Candidate Handbook

FAQ's

Interested in Volunteering

Change Password

Sign Out







Item Writer

- Write questions for the examinations
- Contracted periodically for item writing assignments

CMP Panel Member

- Develop content for the CMP assessments
- Item writing experience preferred
- Appointed for one year



Examination Committee Consultants

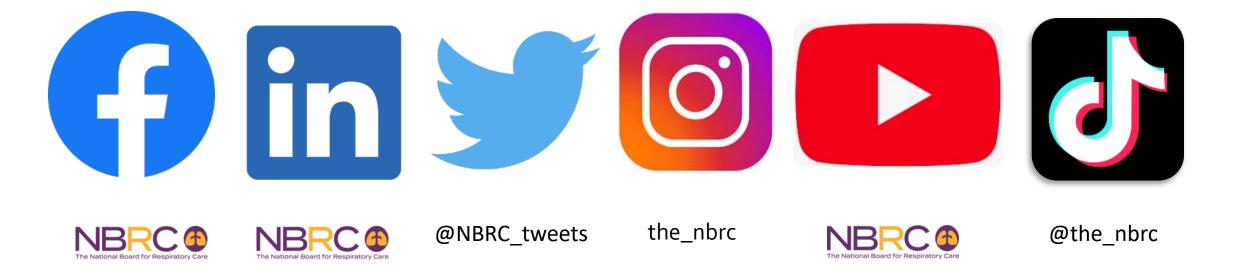
- Review and approve content for initial credentialing examinations
- Item writing experience preferred
- Appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees for one year





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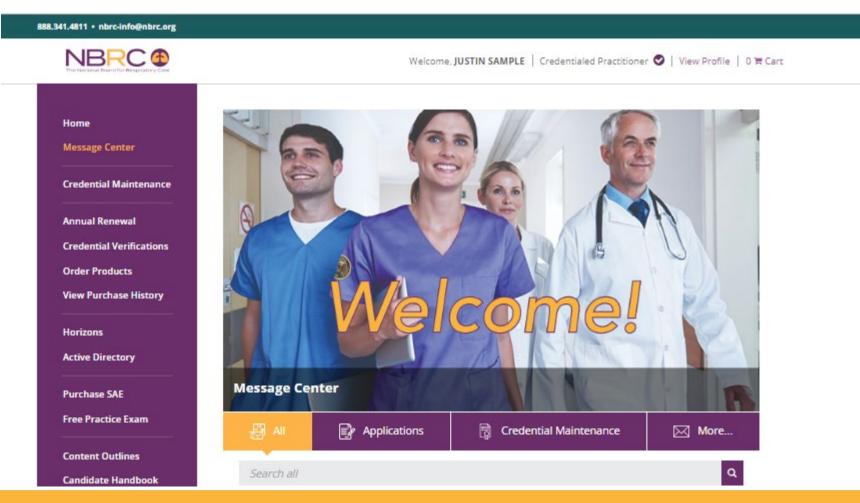






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LiveChat Available!

- Get real time help at ٠ nbrc.org by starting a LiveChat.
- Available Monday ۲ Friday during business hours
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Thank you for your time!

Visit **nbrc.org** for more information about:

- Specialty credentials
- Examination application and scheduling process
- Videos to guide you through the rules, tools and processes involved in achieving and maintaining NBRC credentials





