Therapeutic Recreation Ontario
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TRO... Therapeutic Recreation Ontario was established in 1999 to meet the needs of recreation therapists in the province.

Our Vision... We will be the leader in unifying and directing the advancement of the therapeutic recreation profession in Ontario.

Our Mission... Therapeutic Recreation Ontario is dedicated to guiding, supporting, educating and advocating for it’s members by providing direction and advancing the profession. We enable the TR practitioner to deliver quality professional services and protect the rights of individuals across diverse delivery settings.

Types of Membership

Professional Member:
• Is currently practising, supervising, educating, or on leave from the field of TR for a maximum of three years, or a recent graduate from a Therapeutic Recreation/Recreation/Leisure Services program (eligible for one year from graduation)
• Is not registered through TRO’s provincial registration process
• Holds an accepted direct or allied degree or diploma as outlined in TRO’s registration process

R/TRO Professional Member:
• Meets all of the above criteria for a TRO Professional Membership
• Holds current R/TRO designation through TRO’s provincial registration process

Associate Member:
• Interested in furthering the objectives of TRO and the recreation therapy profession but is ineligible for R/TRO Professional, Professional or Student memberships

Student Member:
• Pursuing a degree or diploma in Recreation Therapy, Recreation or Leisure Studies on a full-time basis

For more information about the profession of recreation therapy visit: www.trontario.org

Why Join Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO)?

At TRO, our members are our greatest resource. It is vital that in this growing world of interprofessional health care collaboration, the perspective of recreation therapy is represented at the forefront of the discussions regarding the future of healthcare in the Province of Ontario.
**Be part of a provincial professional community**

By supporting your provincial organization, you can join other individuals who take pride in the recreation therapy profession, creating increased visibility of Recreation Therapy within the health care community at large. Being a professional member of TRO provides you with:

- Access to all copies of professional documents (e.g., Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice, TR Awareness Week Package, Membership Directory)
- Professional development opportunities, including TRO sponsored regional workshops and discounts on annual TRO conference registration fees
- Networking opportunities with over 750 TRO members in the province, across Canada and in the United States
- Information and links about resources, contacts, educational opportunities and job postings

**Get connected ... Remain connected**

TRO keeps members up-to-date and fosters community among its member by:

- A regular e-TRO correspondence which keeps you current with what is happening at TRO and in the profession of recreation therapy
- The publication of a quarterly newsletter entitled inTRO, with current information helping you stay informed about developments in your profession
- Providing you with relevant and timely information via the interactive TRO website and connecting you with other practitioners around the province
- Hosting the Therapeutic Recreation Ontario Annual Conference & Trade Show

**Obtain Visibility & Advocacy for your profession**

As a member of TRO, you belong to an organization that provides a strong, united voice on behalf of recreation therapists with government, other health care providers, media, stakeholders, the profession itself and the general public.

**Influence the future direction of Recreation Therapy**

As a TRO member you have your say in the future of the profession by:

- Becoming a member of the Board of Directors for your chance to have a ‘voice’ in the direction of the profession
- Sitting on one of the TRO Committees
- Voting at the Annual General Meetings
- Making submissions to the inTRO newsletter and TRO Research Annual

**Current Initiatives of TRO**

**Advocating** for the **Advancement** and **Regulation** of the Therapeutic Recreation profession including:

- Forming links with appropriate ministries and political stakeholders at regional and provincial levels in order to ensure Recreation Therapy is a leader in health care visioning
- Promoting common educational preparation across degree/diploma programs
- Developing documents to guide the profession and support common practice standards
- Encouraging professional continuing competency and quality improvement through the R/TRO Maintenance Program

**R/TRO Process**

Therapeutic Recreation Ontario has supported and sanctioned a registration process (R/TRO) for Recreation Therapists in Ontario. The registration process is currently a voluntary credential that will become the minimum criteria necessary for regulation. Members become registered based on experience, formal education, professional affiliation and professional contributions.