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Therapeutic Recreation Ontario Announces Changes to R/TRO Voluntary Designation

Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO) is the provincial association that represents Therapeutic Recreation (TR) professionals in Ontario. We are committed to ensuring that TR professionals deliver excellent care to residents/clients/patients for their employers.

TRO Is Set to Launch Additional Designation, R/TRO DIP:

TRO is proud to announce that effective September 2015, an additional designation called the **R/TRO DIP** will come into effect. This addition has been developed with the same high quality competency requirements as the R/TRO, but better reflects emerging trends and academic preparation for the sector.

Since 2003, nearly 400 professionals have qualified for their R/TRO designation which was built on competencies that demonstrate the essential skills required to ensure that residents/clients/patients receive high quality programs that help them live the best life possible. The new R/TRO DIP will expand the number of qualified professionals in the province.

Employers and key stakeholders acknowledge that those with an **R/TRO** or **R/TRO DIP** designation demonstrate the required skills and practical experience in the field of TR as well as an ongoing commitment to maintain competence in four areas:

1. Formal education
2. Practical experience
3. Professional affiliation
4. Professional contributions

What is the Difference Between R/TRO and R/TRO DIP?

Effective September 2015, the **R/TRO** designation is for degree prepared professionals, and the **R/TRO DIP** for diploma prepared professionals.

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Looking to Hire an R/TRO or R/TRO DIP?

To ensure that your job postings are seen by TR professionals who are members in good standing of Therapeutic Recreation Ontario, go to the TRO Website (<https://trontario.org/careers>) to post your job. Be sure to put, “**R/TRO or R/TRO DIP preferred**” as a qualification in both your posting and job descriptions as this designation validates competency in TR.

Want More Information on R/TRO designations?

As of September 1, 2015, the R/TRO designation will have two titles: (1) **R/TRO** for degree prepared professionals; and (2) **R/TRO DIP** for diploma prepared professionals. Please visit our website at <https://trontario.org/r-tro> for further information.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the profession of Therapeutic Recreation. In order to receive regular updates please follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/TROntario>

Sincerely,

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