

What is the registration designation?

The registration designation sets the standard for excellence in the Therapeutic Recreation profession as established by provincial leaders dedicated to advancing the Therapeutic Recreation profession in Ontario.



We currently offer two designations*: R/TRO is the designation for degree-prepared practitioners, and R/TRO DIP is for diploma-prepared practitioners.

An individual registered with TRO:

- Is currently practicing, supervising, educating, or is a recent graduate from a Therapeutic Recreation program
- Holds a direct degree or diploma OR holds an accepted allied degree with a diploma or post-graduate certificate in TR
- Has successfully achieved the registration designation through TRO's application process

**TRO is currently in the process of integrating the two designations into one.*

About TRO

Established in 1999, Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO) represents more than 1,800 Therapeutic Recreation practitioners, educators and students in the province.

We offer quality membership services including professional development, information, networking, advocacy, and evidence-based research and best practices. We set the standard for excellence in the profession through our registration designation.

OUR VISION

Therapeutic Recreation for All

OUR MISSION

To lead the TR profession through growth, advocacy and innovation.



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Why Become Registered with TRO?

A Provincial Registration Designation for Therapeutic Recreation Professionals in Ontario

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As the field of Therapeutic Recreation (TR) continues to grow, it is necessary to provide standardized guidelines for qualifications required to practice. Professionals registered with Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO) set the standard in the province of Ontario.

Becoming registered demonstrates your commitment to your career and your profession. It signifies that you have achieved excellence as set out by provincial leaders. It also helps unify the TR profession across a variety of service settings and geographical areas.

The benefits of becoming registered

TRO's registration designation:

- Demonstrates that you have acquired the skills, knowledge and competencies required to practice in the field
- Enhances your credibility to employers and consumers during the hiring process
- Contributes to the advancement of the profession in Ontario
- Connects you to a network of professionals in the field
- Ensures you remain current in your practice through ongoing maintenance of your designation
- Demonstrates your integrity as a Therapeutic Recreation professional

How to become registered with TRO

Members of TRO become registered by submitting an application to TRO's Practice Review Committee. Their application is successful if it accrues enough points within the following four criteria:



FORMAL EDUCATION

Direct degree or diploma OR an accepted allied degree with a diploma or post-graduate certificate in TR.



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Practical experience providing TR service that complies with the TRO Standards of Practice and TRO Essential Competency Framework (ECF).



PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

Current membership in good standing with TRO.



PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Ongoing participation in recognized activities that contribute to professional development, and actively supports the growth of the field.

For more details about application requirements, please visit www.trontario.org

Registration maintenance

Once a TRO member has become registered, it is necessary to demonstrate a sustained continued competency and ongoing education as a Therapeutic Recreation Professional.

Registered members must complete the registration maintenance package every five years. This includes submitting their portfolio demonstrating continual professional development and contributions in the following categories:

- Professional development opportunities
- Supervising and mentoring Therapeutic Recreation staff, volunteers, and students on internship and co-op placement
- Presenting and teaching
- Publishing articles
- Volunteering in TR events
- Promoting the field of Therapeutic Recreation

To continue registration status, professionals must also maintain annual membership in good standing with TRO.

"I decided to become registered with TRO, not only to pursue a personal goal of achievement, but to help promote TRO and the TR role within the health care industry. I feel it is important that we all advocate for what we do as TRs, and for me, becoming registered with TRO was the first step of the journey."



—Katherine Lee, R/TRO