

## What is R/TRO and R/TRO DIP?

The registration (R/TRO and R/TRO DIP) designation is currently a voluntary credential that demonstrates a level of excellence. R/TRO is the designation for degree prepared practitioners and R/TRO DIP is for diploma prepared practitioners.

### An Individual who is Registered... (R/TRO and R/TRO DIP):

- Is currently practicing, supervising, educating or on leave from the field of Therapeutic Recreation (for a maximum of three years) OR is a recent graduate from a Therapeutic Recreation/ Recreation/Leisure Services program.
- Holds an accepted direct or allied degree (R/TRO) or diploma (R/TRO DIP).
- Has successfully achieved the minimum level of eligibility criteria, demonstrating excellence in the field.
- Since TRO initiated the R/TRO registration process in 2003, nearly 400 Therapeutic Recreation Professionals have successfully achieved the registration designation. To meet the growing needs of members, TRO has established the R/TRO DIP designation for diploma graduates effective September 2015.

## TRO...

- Therapeutic Recreation Ontario was established in 1999 to meet the needs of Therapeutic Recreation professionals in the province.

### Our Vision...

- Therapeutic Recreation Ontario is the leader in uniting and advancing the Therapeutic Recreation profession in Ontario.

### Our Mission...

- TRO is dedicated to guiding, supporting, educating and advocating to enable the Therapeutic Recreation practitioner to deliver quality professional services.

"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 R/TRO was the first step of the journey."

-Katherine Lee, R/TRO

For more information about TRO, please visit: [www.trontario.org](http://www.trontario.org) or e-mail: [info@trontario.org](mailto:info@trontario.org)



## Therapeutic Recreation Ontario (TRO)

### Why Become Registered with TRO?

- Believe • Belong • Become



### R/TRO And R/TRO DIP: Promoting Professionalism and Quality Therapeutic Recreation Services

A Provincial Voluntary Registration Designation  
for Therapeutic Recreation Professionals  
in Ontario

## Why Become REGISTERED WITH TRO? (R/TRO AND R/TRO DIP)?

As the field of Therapeutic Recreation continues to grow, it is becoming necessary to provide standardized guidelines for qualifications required to practice. Professionals registered with TRO set the standard in the province of Ontario. Becoming registered assures that you are meeting a level of excellence dictated by provincial leaders in uniting and advancing the profession in Ontario.

### Registration with TRO (R/TRO or R/TRO DIP)

- Demonstrates that you have acquired the knowledge and competency 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 can become registered by submitting an application package with accrued points within the four criteria areas listed below.

- **Formal Education**

Degree (R/TRO) or Diploma (R/TRO DIP) including relevant course work at a recognized post-secondary institution.

- **Practical Experience**

Practical/ academic experience providing TR service that complies with TRO Standards of Practice and TRO Essential Competency Framework (ECF). Differing hours required for R/TRO and R/TRO DIP.

- **Professional Affiliations**

Current membership in good standing with TRO.

- **Professional Contributions**

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

**For more details about application requirements visit [www.trontario.org/r-tro](http://www.trontario.org/r-tro)**



## Registration Maintenance

It is necessary to sustain continued competency and ongoing education as a Therapeutic Recreation Professional. To continue registration status, professionals must maintain membership in good standing with TRO.

Registered TRO members submit their portfolio for renewal every five years, demonstrating continual professional development and contributions in the following categories:

- Educational opportunities
- Supervising and mentoring Therapeutic Recreation staff, volunteers, and students on internship and co-op placement
- Presenting and teaching
- Publishing articles
- Participation in professional organizations
- Promoting the field of Therapeutic Recreation