

NBRC: Past, Present, Future

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The NBRC – Who, What, How

- **Was originally formed in November 1960 to credential respiratory therapists**
- **Has supported the profession through development of national credentials for 50+ years**
- **Acts to ensure the continued recognition and value of the national credentials**

The NBRC is sponsored by four professional organizations...

- **American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)**
- **American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)**
- **American Thoracic Society (ATS)**
- **American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)**

NBRC Board of Trustees

- **AARC** **15 respiratory therapists**
- **ACCP (CHEST)** **5 physicians**
- **ASA** **5 physicians**
- **ATS** **5 physicians**
- **The NBRC also elects one public member to complete the 31-member governing body**

NBRC upholds leading standards for credentialing respiratory care professionals

- **Maintains membership in the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE)**
- **Assures the credentialing programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)**
 - ***The NBRC was one of the first 4 groups to obtain NCCA accreditation and is the only certifying body to continuously maintain its accreditation since 1977.***

NBRC Credentials are Standards 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 (CRT-NPS or RRT-NPS)**
- **Sleep Disorders Specialist (CRT-SDS or RRT – SDS)**
- **Adult Critical Care Specialty Examination (RRT-ACCS)**

NBRC Credentialing Examinations

- **Daily testing by computer Monday-Saturday**
- **Two sessions per day - 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**
- **Offered at over 200 Assessment Centers throughout the country and 100 international locations**
- **Locations and maps for driving directions are available on the NBRC's website: www.nbrc.org**

Application Process

- **School confirms graduation (EED)**
- **Candidate may apply, pay examination fee, receive eligibility confirmation and schedule a testing appointment in one online session at www.nbrc.org**

Candidates Receive Instant Examination Results on the Test Date

- **Final score report issued upon leaving the Assessment Center**
- **Candidate photos printed on the score report**
- **Reapplication instructions provided if needed**

Examination Results

- **The NBRC shares examination results with states using the entry-level CRT Examination for licensure**
- **The NBRC also shares examination results with accredited education programs and the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)**

NBRC Credentials are recognized by

- **State licensure agencies**
 - **Currently, 47 states regulating respiratory care practice recognize the CRT credential as the requisite credential for demonstrating competence at beginning practice. Two (2) states – California and Ohio - require the RRT credential for initial licensure.**

Total Number of Credentials Issued to Date

ACCS	1,739
CPFT	13,782
CRT	249,021
NPS	14,015
RPFT	4,621
RRT	154,585
SDS	451

Continuing Competency Program Effective July 1, 2002

- **CE Credit – 30 hours/5 years**
- **Pass examination for highest credential**
- **Pass examination not previously completed**

Continuing Competency Program Requirements

- **CE Credit – 30 hours/5 years**
 - **AARC CRCE approved courses**
 - **Respiratory care specific courses approved for state license renewal/continuing education**
- **Pass examination for highest credential held**
- **Pass examination not previously completed**

CCP Continuing Education Submission

- Online process at www.nbrc.org
- Random audit
- Simple and easy
- Can renew via CE up until the day before credential expires

Judicial & Ethics Policies

- **NBRC protects the public and the profession through the Judicial & Ethics Committee**
- **The Judicial & Ethics Committee takes action against people who:**
 - **violate testing rules**
 - **misuse credential trademarks**
 - **commit practice-related offenses or serious crimes**
 - **have their state license revoked or suspended**

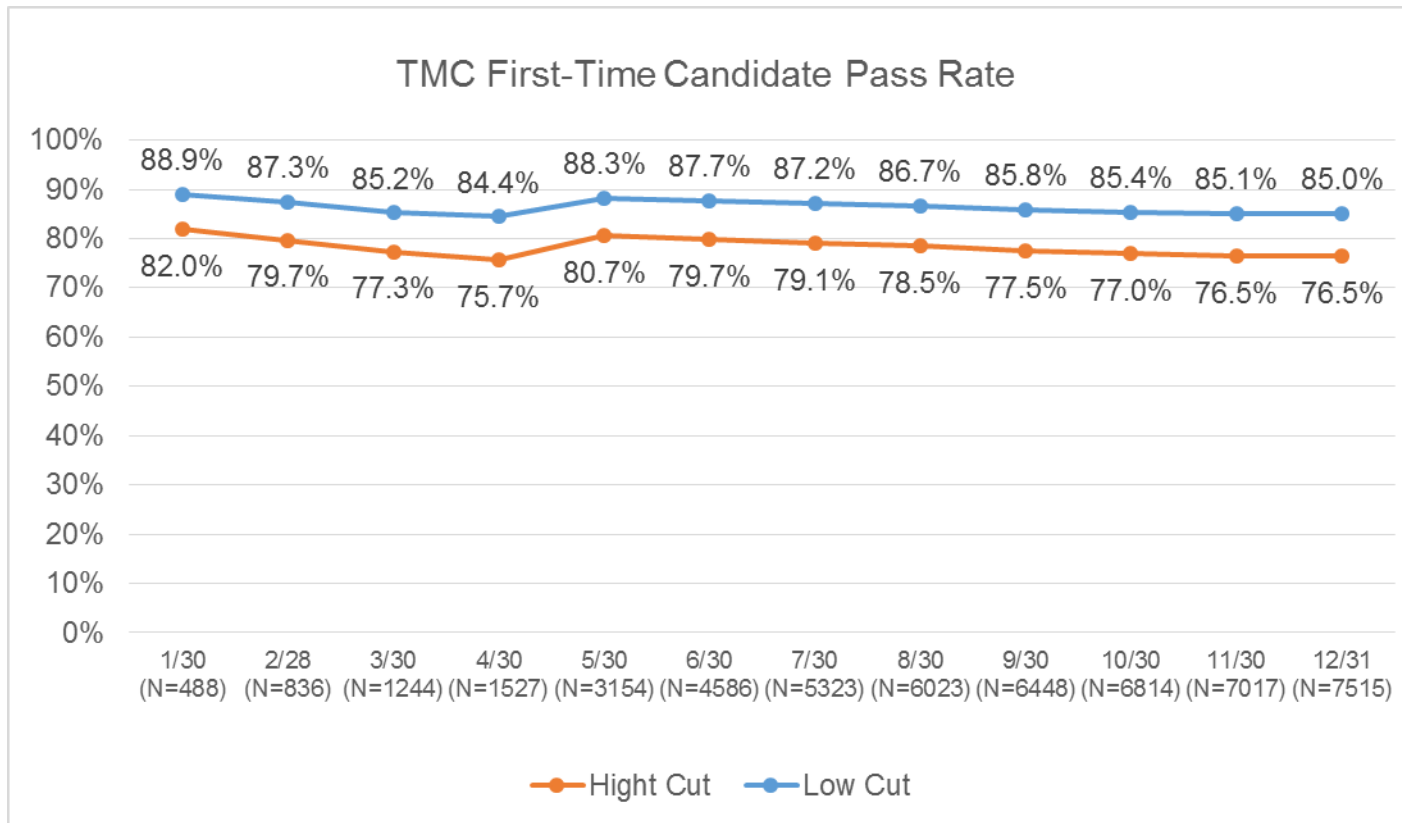
Other NBRC Activities

- **Annual active status renewal allows CRTs, RRTs, CRT-NPS, RRT-NPS, CRT-SDS, RRT-SDS, RRT-ACCS, CPFTs and RPFTs to certify active practice under medical direction**
 - **Quarterly newsletter- *NBRC HORIZONS***
 - **NBRC Directory of active credentialed practitioners**
 - **Online, searchable directory of all credentialed practitioners**
 - **Purchase products at reduced fees (i.e., pins, patches, credential verification letters)**

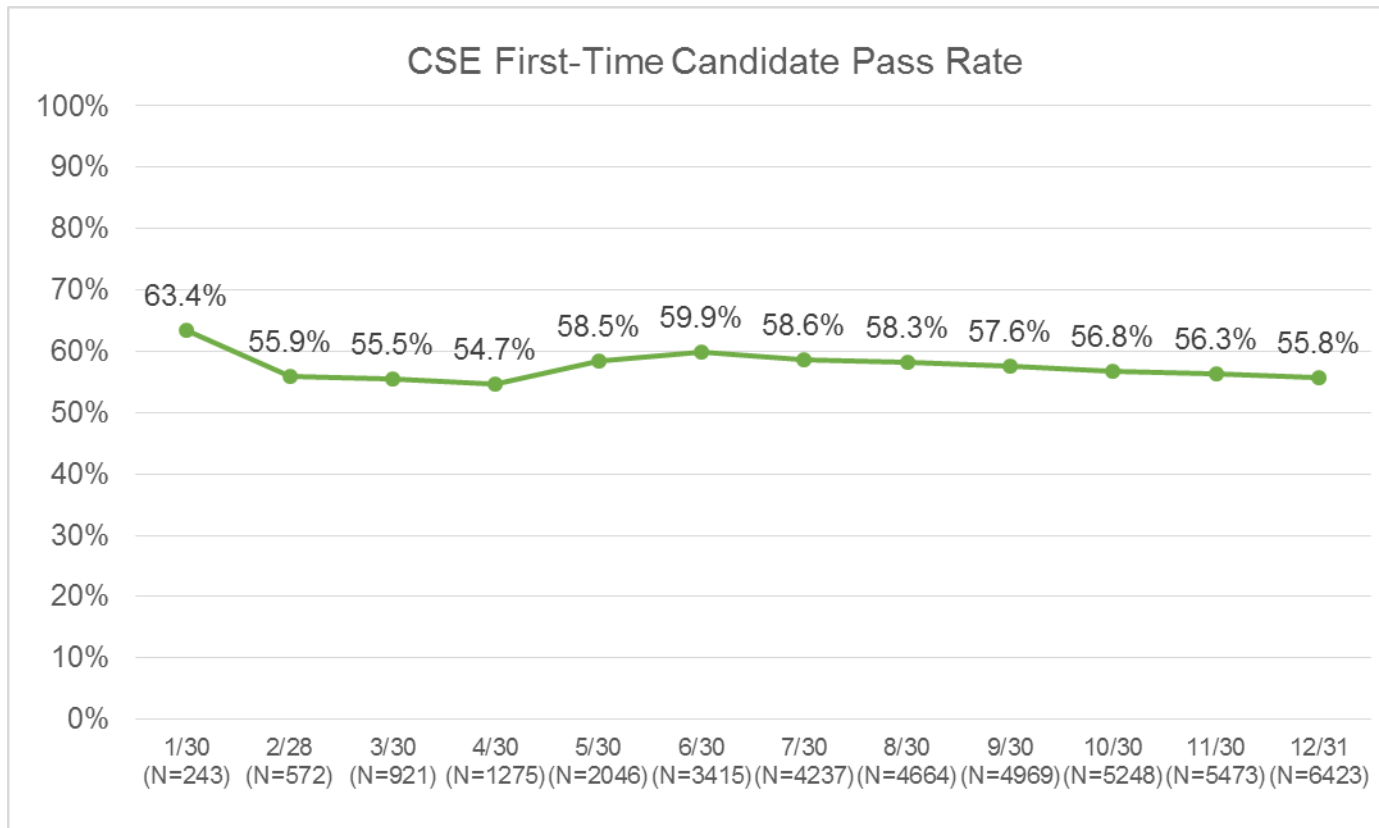
What's New at the NBRC?

- **Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination:**
 - **New exam implemented January 2015**
- **CSE Examination:**
 - **Changes implemented January 2015**
- **PFT Examination:**
 - **Exam implemented in June 2015**
- **Recertification Commission**

How the TMC is Performing



How the CSE is Performing



Questions?

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Thank You!