



**POSITION STATEMENT  
BY THE MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR RESPIRATORY CARE  
LIMITED LICENSES/LICENSING FOR RESPIRATORY CARE  
STUDENT-PRACTITIONERS**

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The Michigan Society for Respiratory Care (MSRC), a chartered affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care, is committed to ensuring the quality of respiratory care provided in the State of Michigan. The MSRC will conform to the highest standards of clinical practice based upon evidence-based medicine, and the art and practice of respiratory care will utilize evidence-based medicine and comply with both the language and intent of the statute enabling licensure of respiratory therapists.

Further, the position of the MSRC in order to ensure these standards are met, the position of the MSRC is to require limited licensing for respiratory care student-practitioners who are employed in the field of Respiratory Care. A limited license would not be required for students who are enrolled and in good standing with an educational program leading to a degree or certificate of completion in Respiratory Care and who are required to perform care duties that are part of the required course of study.

The MSRC advocates for the following limited licensure requirements:

- (a) A Respiratory Care student-practitioner who is of good moral character, files the prescribed application and verification of education forms, pays the fee required as prescribed in section 16344 of the Michigan Public Health Code, and meets the following requirements:
  - (b) who is enrolled in and is in good standing of a COARC-accredited respiratory care educational program leading to a degree or certificate of completion or is a graduate of the program.
  - (c) The limited license authorizes the holder to provide respiratory care under the supervision of a licensed respiratory care professional based on documented skills in the holder's verification of competency form. A person issued a limited license under this section may practice respiratory care under the limited license for not more than the earliest of the following:
    - (i) Two years after the date the initial limited license is issued;



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- (ii) One year following the date of receipt of a certificate of completion from a Board-approved respiratory care education program;
- (iii) Until the holder discontinues participation in the educational program. The Board may extend the term of a limited license in cases of unusual hardship. The holder seeking an extension should petition the Board in the form and manner prescribed by the Board. This limited license does not require a student enrolled in an educational program leading to a degree or certificate of completion in respiratory care approved by the Board to obtain a limited license to perform any duties that are part of the required course of study.
- (d) A person issued a limited license may practice under a limited license for not more than one year. The holder may reapply annually as long as the holder is enrolled in an accredited program and has the support of the program director.