



Applicant Registration Requirements

To be considered for NRRTS Registration an applicant must:

1. Provide proof of at least one year of experience as a Rehabilitation Technology Supplier. A Rehabilitation Technology Supplier is a specialist who:
 - a. is currently working for a medical equipment company that supplies rehabilitation equipment and employs support staff capable of providing ongoing service and consumer support; and
 - b. participates directly in the assessment process by offering a variety of product choices from multiple manufacturers, who offer product categories from different product lines; and
 - c. provides pricing and funding information to the consumer and referral sources; and
 - d. works with manufacturers and/or custom fabricators to combine equipment features to meet specific client needs; and
 - e. provides fittings and deliveries as directed by the referring professional(s); and
 - f. provides clients with instruction in the safe use of the equipment, offers information on maintenance and care, passes on warranty information and supports the equipment supplied with timely, high- quality service.
2. Provide documentation of 1000 hours of direct client patient contact within the 12 months prior to application.
3. Documentation of 1.0 CEU or 10 hours within the 18-month period immediately prior to application are required. The hours must be approved for CEUs (Continuing Education Units) by an authority such as University of Pittsburgh, IACET, or another authorizing agency recognized by NRRTS and RESNA. Courses must meet the NRRTS Core Curriculum criteria. (see below). As an applicant, NRRTS will provide on-demand webinars to you at no cost to meet the core curriculum.

A minimum of .2 CEUs (2 course hours) from each Core Curriculum area is required.

Courses must include required minimum subject matter as indicated by course description and course objectives.

CORE CURRICULUM AREA	REQUIRED MINIMUM SUBJECT MATTER
Ethics	NRRTS Code of Ethics, NRRTS Standards of Practice, General Ethical Concerns, etc.
Funding and Public Policy	Course material must relate directly to funding, legislative or regulatory issues as they directly impact the provision of Complex Rehab Technology products and services.
Medical Terminology	Knowledge of disabilities; Anatomy and physiology as it impacts seating and wheeled mobility; Basic understanding of other body systems as they impact seating, etc.
Seating and Positioning	Therapeutic principles as relevant to seating and mobility; Impact of seating and mobility intervention on function and health; Biomechanics and pathomechanics; Knowledge of components of mat evaluation, etc.
Business Practices	Course material must relate directly to business practices that impact the Complex Rehab Technology product and service delivery process.



Applicant Registration Requirements (cont.)

4. Complete and return the following to the NRRTS office by fax to 888/251-3234; by USPS to 5815 82nd St, Suite 145, #317 • Lubbock, TX, 79424 or by email to aodom@nrrts.org.
 - a. Application for Registration with current employer's signature and former employer's signature, if appropriate.
 - b. Applicant's signature agreeing to conduct himself/herself in accordance with the NRRTS Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and Blind Bidding Policy.
 - c. Application for Continuing Education Units (CEU) Form(s) documenting 10 educational contact hours, i.e., 1.0 CEU, and the associated supporting documentation.
 - d. \$25.00 non-refundable application fee payable to NRRTS (check, major credit cards accepted).
 - e. Receipt of any portion of the application initiates the process. The remainder must be complete within ninety (90) days.
5. Be reviewed and recommended for registration by the appropriate NRRTS Regional Review Chair (who resides outside the applicant's geographic area). If the application is denied, the applicant has the right to appeal within 10 days to The National Review Committee. The NRC consists of a consumer, therapist, physician and Rehabilitation Technology Supplier who may assist the Regional Review Chairs in determining whether a candidate meets the minimum standards for registration. All appeals must be in writing.
6. Upon notification of approval for registration, the applicant pays \$200 within 30 days for the first year's dues. Registration begins with receipt of the \$200 payment. The new Registrant will be mailed a packet including a copy of NRRTS Directions, Registration Certificate and other pertinent registration information. Registrant will also be invited to participate in the listserv.
7. NRRTS Registration confirms that an RTS has demonstrated current work experience, attended and passed the required core curriculum courses, adheres to a stringent code of ethics and commits to participate in ongoing continuing education to remain a NRRTS Registered Complex Rehabilitation Technology Supplier® (RRTS®). It is the first step toward certification as a CRTS®, Certified Complex Rehabilitation Technology Supplier®. If the applicant successfully completes the RESNA ATP (Assistive Technology Professional) examination prior to acceptance into the NRRTS registry, the CRTS® will be awarded after the applicant's second year of registration renewal has been approved. If the applicant completes the ATP exam after becoming a registrant, the CRTS® will be awarded following a minimum of two years concurrent NRRTS registration after completion of the ATP exam.

For additional information, visit www.nrrts.org or call the National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers at 800/976-7787.



NRRTS Core Curriculum Course Criteria

Documentation of 10 continuing educational contact hours within the 18-month period immediately prior to application is required. The hours must be approved for CEUs (Continuing Education Units) by an authority such as University of Pittsburgh, IACET, or another authorizing agency recognized by NRRTS and RESNA. Courses must meet the NRRTS Core Curriculum criteria as evidenced by course description and course objectives. Please contact the NRRTS office at (800) 976-7787 with questions or if you desire additional information.

1. Ethics

- a. NRRTS Code of Ethics
 - i. Understanding and applying the 10 principles in NRRTS Code of Ethics
- b. NRRTS Standards of Practice
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- c. General Ethical Concerns
 - i. Institutional ethics vs. personal ethical responsibilities
 - ii. Understanding and resolving potential conflicts between company business policy/operation and ethical concerns
 - iii. Responsibility to Registrants' employers vs. responsibility to consumers.
 - iv. Situational Ethics
 - v. How, when and/if "ends justify means"

2. Funding and Public Policy

- a. Course material must relate directly to funding, legislative or regulatory issues as they directly impact the provision of Complex Rehab Technology products and services.

3. Medical terminology, vocabulary, anatomy and diagnosis (basic)

- a. Knowledge of disabilities
 - i. primary and secondary diagnoses,
 - ii. prognosis,
 - iii. contraindications and precautions
 - iv. characteristics and progression of specific impairments, diagnoses and disabilities
- b. Anatomy and physiology as it impacts seating and wheeled mobility
 - i. Neuromuscular and musculoskeletal systems
 - ii. Spasticity
 - iii. Tone
 - iv. Reflexes,
 - v. normal vs. abnormal joint range of motion
- c. Basic understanding of other body systems as they impact seating
 - i. Respiratory
 - ii. Endocrine
 - iii. Circulatory
 - iv. Lymphatic

4. Seating and positioning

- a. Therapeutic principles as relevant to seating and mobility
- b. Impact of seating and mobility intervention on function and health
- c. Biomechanics and pathomechanics
- d. Knowledge of components of mat evaluation
 - i. Translate findings to seating goals and product recommendations



NRRTS Core Curriculum Course Criteria (cont.)

- e. Risk factors for pressure sore development
 - i. Use of pressure mapping
- f. Prevention of injury
 - i. Repetitive stress on shoulders and upper extremities
 - ii. Safe transfers
- g. Impact of other factors
 - i. Surgery(s)
 - ii. Orthotic/prosthetic
 - iii. Medication
- h. Appropriate client measurements
 - i. Custom molding
- i. Factors that contribute to abandonment, misuse of equipment and non-compliance
- j. Measuring Outcomes
- k. Need for and methods of conducting:
 - i. Outcome measures
 - 1. Evaluating the effectiveness of a seating and mobility intervention in terms of the consumer's goals.
 - 2. Program evaluations
 - 3. Quality assurance programs

5. Business Practices

- a. Course material must relate directly to business practices that impact the Complex

Rehab Technology product and service delivery process.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FINALIZED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF INITIAL PAYMENT.