

NSAMRT would like to present a draft of the CPD program that will become part of practice when the new college is proclaimed. Please send any feedback, or questions, to Lisa Bonin, Chair of Credentials Committee at lisa.bonin@nshealth.ca or Julie Avery, Executive Director of NSAMRT at info@nsamrt.ca by Aug. 1 2017.

CPD Credit Earning Activities

Clinical Skills/Knowledge and Learning	Credit Value
Complete a 3 credit hour/university/college course	10
Complete a quick study course, organize a journal club	2
Read a journal article, attend rounds or lunch and learn	1
In-service training/workshop	1 (½ day) 2 (1 day)
Complete NSCMIRTP Jurisprudence Module	2

Professional Service	Credit Value
Volunteer for a provincial/national/professional association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member • Committee chair • Executive board member 	2/year 3/year 5/year
Volunteer on a profession-related hospital committee	2/year
Attend a conference and annual general meeting (AGM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour of lectures • Full conference and AGM • AGM only or Fall Education Seminar 	1 10 2
Attend a vendor/healthcare conference/seminar	3

Educational Service (Academic and Clinical)	Credit Value
Preceptorship (>35hrs)	3
Lab demonstrator for MRT/SHS/DMS school (1 semester)	1
Development of CPD educational activity	Dependent on hours/length
Lecturer/conference speaker	5
Item/exam writing/review	5
Organizing a lecture/workshop	2

Scientific/Clinical Research	Credit Value
Written articles/paper for publication	5 (published) 3 (attempted publication)
Peer reviewing article, scientific poster	2
Research participation	Variable
Systemic review/meta analysis	5

How many credits will I need to earn?

NSCMIRTP registrants will be required to complete 30 continuing professional development (CPD) credits every two years. Unused credits will not “roll over” into the next cycle.

Do I have to get credits from each of the four sections?

No. However, some activities have maximum credit values so registrants are encouraged to get involved in different types of learning activities.

Will people working part-time or casual hours still require the same number of credits?

Yes. All NSCMIRTP registrants will be required to complete the same CPD- 30 credits/two years.

What about registrants on a Leave of Absence (LOA) for medical or parental purposes?

Registrants on a LOA are still required to complete the 30 credits/two years. The two year reporting cycle allows enough flexibility for registrants to attain the necessary CPD credits.

I work in more than one discipline. Does this mean I have to earn more CPD credits?

No. You will only be required to complete the 30 CPD credits every two years. A minimum number of hours, however, must be worked in each discipline. More details on this to come at a later date.

I am already required to earn CPD credits for other organizations (eg. Sonography Canada or CAR for Mammography). Will I be able to use these credits for the NSCMIRTP?

Yes. As long as the CPD activities are approved by the NSCMIRTP, the credits can be counted for both.

What happens if I don't complete the CPD credits in time?

Non-compliance will initially be addressed in the form of a letter, a warning with a short extension period to complete the required CPD credits. If further action is necessary, the registrant's case will be referred to the Professional Practice Committee, where penalties such as license revocation may occur. During the implementation phase of the CPD program, the emphasis will be on educating and supporting all registrants in the learning and submission processes and not on punishment.

How will I keep track of my activities and what type of “proof” will be required?

It is up to each registrant to keep any documentation (electronic and hard copies) pertaining to CPD activities. The goal is to provide members with an online platform for tracking progress and uploading documents. This will assist registrants with credit organization, especially in the instance of an audit.

How will the College help support its registrants in achieving the expected CPD requirements?

The NSCMIRTP's website will be a great resource for its registrants. CPD earning activities and events will be advertised there as well as links to webinars, journals etc. An interactive blog will offer support and an avenue for sharing ideas, opportunities and research. Online CPD activities, the increase in province-wide volunteer roles, and institution-based learning activities (lunch and learns, etc.), will benefit registrants in rural areas. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the registrant to seek out and/or initiate CPD activities and successfully complete the required credits each cycle.