Agency Update - NBRC

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Conflict of Interest

- I am the current President of the NBRC Board of Trustees

Learning Objectives

- Learn the role and function of the NBRC
- Discuss updates to the credentialing system
- Define the process for credential maintenance

Who is the NBRC?

19-member Board of Trustees

9 Respiratory Therapists

9 Physicians

1 Public Member

Many More Dedicated Volunteers

- Several examination committee consultants
  - TMC
  - CSE
  - ACCS
  - AE-C
  - NPS
  - PFT
  - SDS
- 32-member Credential Maintenance Program Panel
- Dozens of active item writers

Respiratory Care Organizations: Who We Are

Working collaboratively with other national organizations that share the universal goal of protecting and enhancing patient lives through excellence in respiratory care, we come together to promote and serve the profession. Below, you can learn more about how each organization commits to the greater whole of respiratory care.

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NBRC Credentials 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 (RRT-NPS)
- Sleep Disorders Specialist (CRT-SDS or RRT-SDS)
- Adult Critical Care Specialist (RRT-ACCS)
- Asthma Educator Specialist (AE-C) <<< NEW!

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I earned my credential, now what?

- Credentials are valid for 5 years
- $25 annual maintenance fee
- Participate in the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) to maintain credentials

Three ways to participate:

Participate in quarterly assessments and/or document CEUs
- AARC CRCE approved courses
- CE courses accepted by your state licensing board

Take a new exam

Re-take and pass the exam associated with your highest held credential

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Earn CRCE Credit!

NEW – Complete at least 90% of assessment questions in a calendar year to earn CRCE credits!

- **General RT assessments – 6 CRCE credits**
- **Specialty assessments – 3 CRCE credits**

Examination Changes Coming in 2027

- A single, multiple-choice exam - Respiratory Therapy Examination
- Streamlines the transition from graduation to entry into practice
- Will be assembled in two sections:
  - Breadth of knowledge
    - organized around the same content domains as the TMC
  - Depth of clinical judgment
    - organized around the following elements of the CSE:
      - Patient types (e.g., chronic airways disease, trauma, cardiac)
      - Settings (in-hospital, out-of-hospital)
      - Patient ages (neonate, pediatric, adult)
      - Clinical activities (information gathering, decision making)
- Job analysis will be done in 2024
- New detailed content outline will be available in the latter half of 2025

More information will be available as implementation nears in 2027

Credentialing Examination Admission and Content Updates

AE-C Examination

- Added EMTs and paramedics to list of eligible professions
- In January, AE-C credential expiration dates will be aligned with any other credentials held to expire on the furthest expiration date

SDS Examination

- A job analysis was conducted in 2021
- New exam content was implemented in September of this year
- New detailed content outline and practice exam available on the NBRC website

NPS Examination

- Job analysis survey was just completed
- Survey results will be evaluated in December with a new detailed content outline released shortly thereafter
- New content will be implemented in October 2025

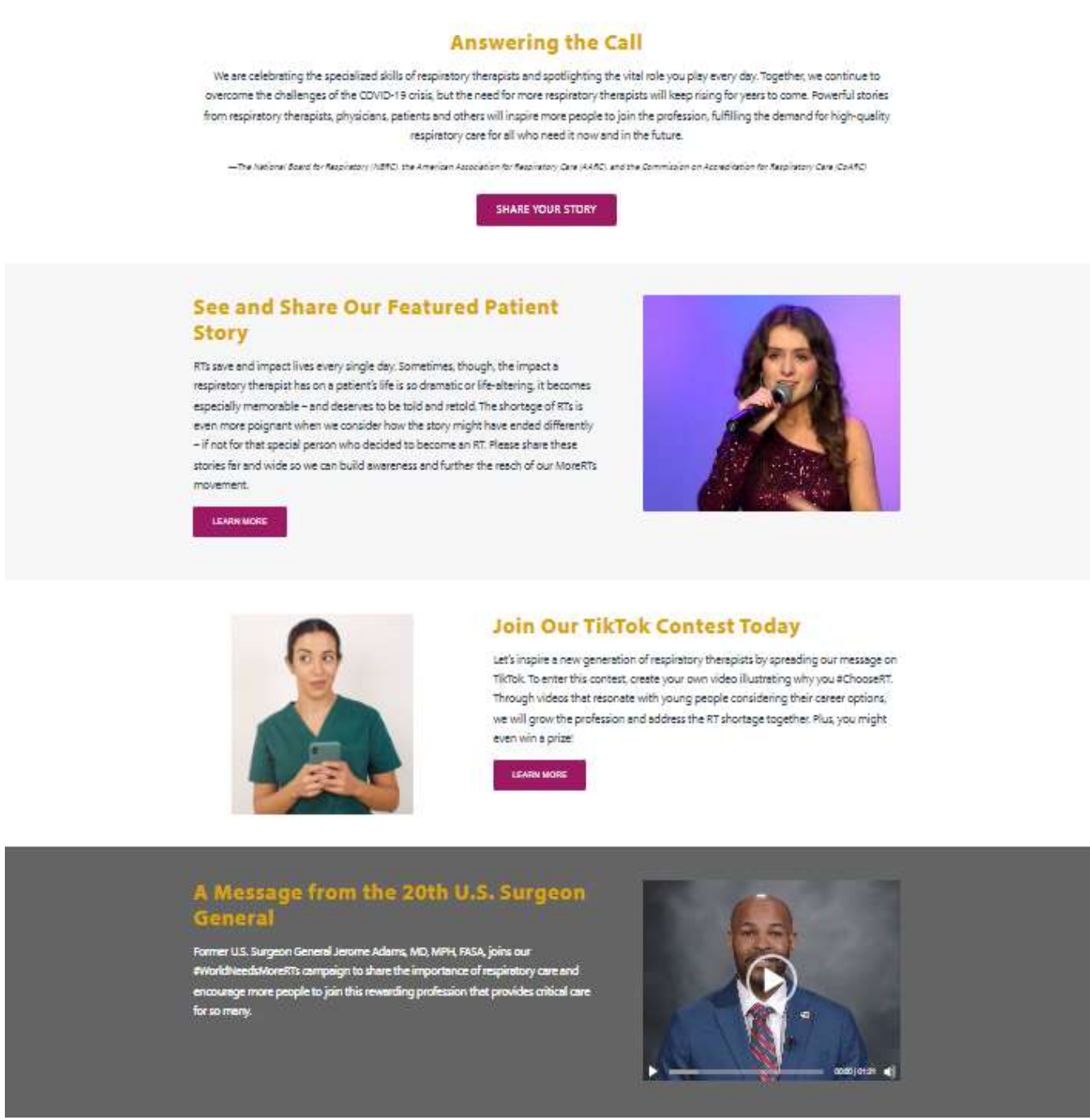
DELIVERING SOLUTIONS

The NBRC, AARC and CoARC have launched a multi-year, national campaign to:

1. Raise public awareness of the value of the respiratory care profession

2. Recruit and retain more respiratory therapists

3. Identify, shape and inspire new leadership in the profession



MoreRTs.com: Getting the Attention of Prospective RTs

The NBRC has joined forces with the AARC and CoARC to increase recognition of the difference you make in patients' lives – and the growing need for more RTs.

We are all working toward the same goal.

SHARE YOUR STORY

MAKE A TIKTOK

CONTACT US

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How You Can Help

Each of us has something unique to offer this effort to raise awareness and overcome the RT shortage, and we welcome all types of support:

Are you thinking about entering the respiratory care field?

Check out our resources on **Becoming an RT** to learn more and get started.

Are you an experienced respiratory therapist who wants to help educate new generations of RTs?

Explore more about how you can start that path today.

Do you have a story about the impact of respiratory therapy?

If you are a respiratory therapist, a physician or clinical colleague, a respiratory care educator or student, a patient, or anyone else whose life is affected by the work of RTs, **tell us that story** to join our collective voice and bolster our power to make a difference.

Do you know an organization that may be interested in funding our effort?

Contact us to introduce potential financial contributors so we can make the most of our campaign.

If we are united in this shared purpose of growing interest, awareness and numbers in the profession, we will strengthen the future by ensuring access to high-quality respiratory care for everyone who needs it. Join us!

- One-year commitment – **We are currently looking for our 2024 class of ambassadors!**
- Create at least one original post and story
- Share curated NBRC content monthly within specified timeframe
- Get incentives like gift cards or NBRC swag!

Be one, know one, follow one!

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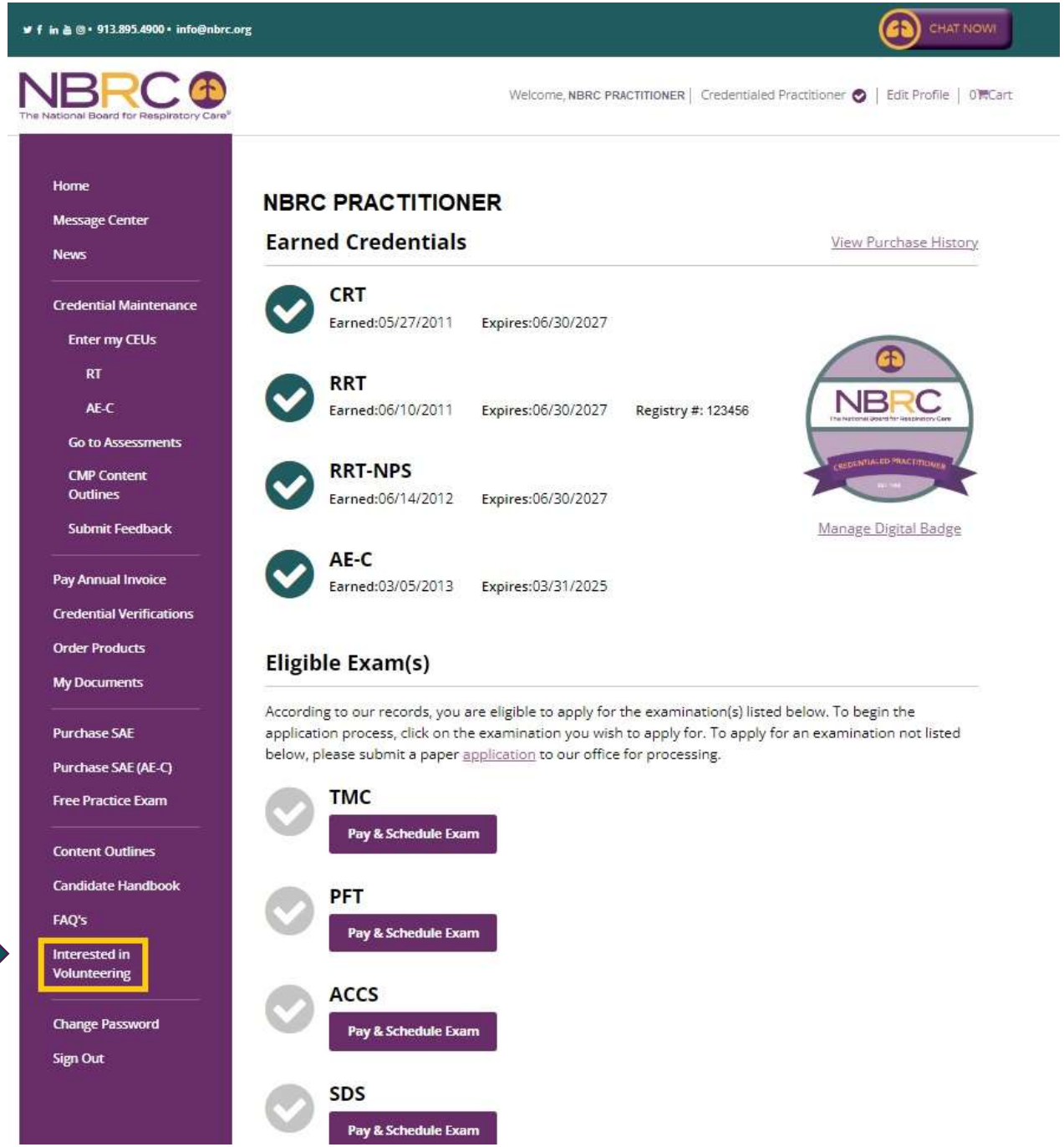
defines us.

Complete Volunteer Application Here



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Examination and Credential Misuse Reporting

- Beginning in January 2024, we will be launching a platform on our website to report examination and credential misuse.
- We must all work together to ensure the integrity of our credentials and our examinations
- Additional documentation will be available for easy access including our Judicial and Ethics policies, Code of conduct for RTs and more.

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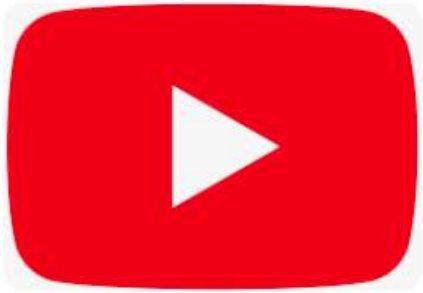

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Thank you for your time!

Visit **nbrc.org** for more information about:

- Specialty credentials
- Examination application and scheduling process
- Videos to guide you through the rules, tools and processes involved in achieving and maintaining NBRC credentials