



# North Carolina Board of **Recreational Therapy** Licensure

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Please let this letter and copy of audit serve as the annual report for the fiscal year 2017-2018

## 1. Board Members:

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Members: 8

Vice Chair/Tres:

Term: 3 years

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2. the number of persons who applied to the board for examination. <b>159</b>
3. the number of who were refused examination. <b>There is not a separate state exam, applicants pass national exam</b>
4. the number who took the examination. <b>All applicants must pass national exam before applying for state license</b>
5. the number to whom initial licenses were issued. <b>159</b>
6. the number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity. <b>0</b>
7. the number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity. <b>0</b>
7a the number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities. <b>3</b>
7b the number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against non-licensees, including injunctive relief. <b>7 Corrective action compliance plans, 5 placed on Probation with no restrictions, 2 placed on Probation with restricted intern supervision permitted, 123 Attended Compliance and Ethics Training</b>
8. the number of licenses suspended or revoked. <b>0</b>
9. the number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee. <b>0</b>
10. the substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board. <b>None</b>
11. the substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board. <b>2</b>

**2017-2018 North Carolina Board of Recreational Therapy Licensure (NCBRTL) Report**

This year NCBRTL saw an increase in the use of online applications, renewals and maintenance fees paid. NCBRTL continues to educate the use of the online procedures as a way of expediting licenses, financial receipts and data retention.

Two Board Members terms ended June 30, 2018, Suzanne Thompson, LRT and John Aguilar, MD.

The Board submitted recommendations for both of these Board positions. Judy Kinney, LRT continues to serve in former educator's position of Megan Janke.

Rules: NCBRTL completed ten year periodic rules Review with no changes needed in August 2018. NCBRTL issued new licenses to 159 applicants. This is a higher rate than last year although Universities have capped RT programs admissions so NCBRTL should expect In-state school graduate numbers to remain rather consistent. Out of State applicants remained near the same this year but did increase slightly. There was the same number of requests for Inactive Status, though some new issues.

New:

LRTs 150

LRTAs 9

Approved new request for Inactive Status 17

Issued Reinstatements 10

Issued Denials 2

1 missing course requirement, 1 unaccepted internship rating  
(all have responded they are attempting to obtain the missing requirements so applications remain open)

By School

ECU 44

UNCW 19

UNCG 18

WCU 27

WSSU 5

Catawba 2

Mt Olive 4

Out of State Schools 18

Two year Programs

WPPC 6

PCC 2

On average, NCBRTL approved 13.25 license per month, October (28), May (23), and November (17) being the larger months due to completion of internships and exam dates. March (6) April (7) and December (5) being the lower months

Total Licensees as of June 30, 2018

LRT 883

LRTA 48

Inactive 26

Compliance and Ethics Training continues to assist licensees in understanding the law, Rules and requirements. NCBRTL continues to have fewer Compliance issues and disciplinary actions due to these issues. It is offered 2-3 times a year depending on the demand of new licensees. 114 attended the Compliance and Ethics Training during 2017-2018 year.

Disciplinary Actions take in 2016-2017

Compliance Issues:

1 applicant was denied due to unacceptable rating on internship

10 Missed Maintenance, placed on Probation for the amount of time they practiced with expired license, required to attend Compliance and Ethics Training, issued reinstated license.

Issued 2 "Letter of Notification" informing them on implications of NC RT License law, Chapter 90C.

NCBRTL has entered into the prospect of adding Music Therapy(MT) as another section of our

Board to issue licenses to Music Therapists. This could have allowed MT to gain licensure and possibly grow numbers of licensees to NCBRTL. Concerns are expressed over the financial burden this may place on NCBRTL given their small numbers and the expenses it may cost. NCBRTL reviewed costs of annual audit, insurance, website changes (the major expenses) as well as office management. Music Therapists are currently reviewing their proposed fee structure. Draft was approved by House and remained in Committee in the Senate.

Respectively.

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