



Experience the  
SMS Advantage

Seating & Mobility  
Specialist Certification

**RESNA**

**RESNA's SMS certification allows professionals who have dedicated their practices to seating and mobility tangible and intangible benefits that include external validation and recognition from RESNA, reinforcement of lifelong learning, and professional distinction that assists with career advancement.**

#### **The SMS Standard**

Professional clinicians and suppliers who work with complex rehabilitation clients, comprehend disease progression, are proficient with custom seating, and are knowledgeable about wheeled mobility technologies and electronics are encouraged to consider taking the SMS exam. Eligible candidates must have:

- An Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) certification in good standing
- At least 1,000 hours of direct, in-person consumer service delivery experience in seating and mobility
- Initiative in a number of professional service categories

Designed to test candidates' ability to use knowledge required in daily practice, the standardized 165-question computerized exam includes case studies, videos and photographs, and covers five major domain areas:

- Performance of seating and mobility assessment
- Funding resources, coverage and payment
- Implementation of intervention
- Outcome assessment and follow-up
- Professional behavior



#### **The Recognition Advantage**

Earning the SMS certification opens an array of opportunities for credentialed ATP/SMS professionals. Advantages to certificants may include:

- Prestige and designation as a dedicated expert in the field of seating and mobility
- Recognition for lifelong learning spent developing seating and mobility knowledge, skills and expertise
- Ease of identification and access for professional referral sources and individuals seeking specialty seating and mobility services
- Potential competitive advantage for employment opportunities and career advancement

*"I love a challenge, and feel I push myself to stay current and get the best outcomes for the individuals I work with."*

Mary O'Connell, PT, ATP/SMS  
Missoula, Montana

**People in need of seating and mobility services may prefer to work with professionals who have earned the SMS certification because the credential recognizes people highly committed to – and experienced in – this specialized field.**

#### **The Quality Advantage**

The ATP/SMS title is a symbol of quality. Those requiring seating and mobility services may request ATP/SMS professionals, who:

- Have demonstrated work experience, specialty training and education in seating and mobility
- Are dedicated to practicing at the highest level
- Have participated in professional activities dedicated to advancing the field
- Engage in ongoing continuing education and work experience that promote current knowledge and best practices

*"Before the SMS exam, the industry lacked a standard to differentiate the professionals who have specific expertise in mobility and seating. Clients, clinicians and payers have not had a reliable reference point to identify and select qualified professionals to care for complex seating and mobility needs, until now."*

Kevin Phillips, ATP/SMS, CRTS  
San Diego, CA



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For more information about earning the Seating & Mobility Specialist certification or to locate an ATP/SMS professional, please visit [www.RESNAcertification.org](http://www.RESNAcertification.org).

**SMS certification offers professional and competitive advantages across the board**

Seeking to offer additional certification opportunities for professionals who work with people with disabilities, the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) developed its Seating & Mobility Specialist (SMS) certification.

A specialty credential building on the baseline Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) certification, the SMS credential is a means to recognize and identify rehabilitation professionals with advanced knowledge and experience in the field of seating and mobility.

Not only does the SMS certification provide an opportunity for seating and mobility specialists to validate their expertise – it also enables professionals, third-party payers and those in need of services to identify and recognize qualified specialists.

Experience the SMS advantage. Visit [www.RESNAcertification.org](http://www.RESNAcertification.org) today.

**About RESNA Certification**

The RESNA Certification Program is a member of the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE) and complies with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) accreditation standards of excellence for voluntary certification programs.

**About RESNA**

RESNA is a nonprofit professional organization whose members serve people with disabilities seeking technology applications to maximize their health and well-being. RESNA's membership consists of researchers, clinicians, suppliers, manufacturers, consumers and educators who work in a variety of settings providing AT-related services. All members are dedicated to promoting the exchange of ideas and information for the advancement of assistive technology.

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