



Respiratory Therapy, AAS Degree - 78 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2021)

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Respiratory Therapists are health care specialists who work with a variety of patients suffering from cardiopulmonary disorders. Working as part of the healthcare team, respiratory therapists assist in the evaluation, treatment, management, and rehabilitation of these disorders. Patients treated by respiratory therapists range from premature infants to the elderly. Therapists enjoy tremendous opportunity for diversity in their practices. Working in hospitals, diagnostic labs, clinics, and home care; respiratory therapists fill a vital role in our nation's health care system.

The clinical experience is diverse, with opportunities for training in a variety of areas and hospitals in the region. Upon graduation, the student will receive an Associate in Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy. The graduate is then eligible to sit for the NBRC credentialing exams, which are required for licensure. Upon successful completion of the exams, the graduate will be awarded the credentials of Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

Program Outcomes

To prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by registered respiratory care practice as performed by registered therapists (RRT's).

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH 1410	Medical Terminology	1	
BIOL 1140	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
RESP 1405	Introduction to Respiratory Therapy Clinical	2	
RESP 1410	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy & Physiology	4	
RESP 1420	Principles and Practice of Respiratory Therapy I	3	
RESP 1430	Assessment of the Pulmonary Patient	3	
ENGL 1106	College Composition I	3	
RESP 1520	Principles and Practice of Respiratory Therapy II	4	
RESP 1530	Pathophysiology for Respiratory Therapy	4	

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