

Respiratory Therapy

Are you searching for a challenging career that will use your technical and interpersonal skills?

Do you enjoy helping people?



The Career

Respiratory Therapists are health care professionals who are highly trained in the treatment of lung disorders. The roles of Respiratory Therapists are extensive. Respiratory Therapists administer aerosolized medication to people with lung disease, such as asthma or emphysema. Respiratory Therapists initiate and maintain life support equipment on a diverse range of patients from premature infants to the elderly. Respiratory Therapists also have an important role in establishing and maintaining patient airways during a cardiac or respiratory arrest. In addition, Respiratory Therapists deliver patient education and participate in diagnostic testing of lung disorders.

The Program

The program goals are 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 therapists (RRTs). The Respiratory Therapy Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Respiratory Care (COARC), accreditation number 200249.

www.coarc.com/Students/Programmatic-Outcome-Data.aspx

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Job Opportunities

Employment opportunities are numerous throughout the nation. Professional jobs are expected to continue far into the future in such diverse fields as acute care hospitals, home care, and sleep labs. Graduates may obtain employment in a variety of different settings including (but not limited to):

Hospitals; state, local, and private
Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities), Homecare

Career Outlook

	US	NH	VT
Annual Salary	\$61,330	\$68,260	\$62,000
Average Hourly	\$29.48	\$32.82	\$29.81
Job Growth	21%	21%	18%
Projected Growth	 Much faster than average		

Career data sources in 2020 from www.bls.gov
Salaries reflect median wages

Respiratory Therapy Associate in Science Degree Requirements

First Year Summer Semester		CL	LAB	CR
ENGL102R	College Composition	3	0	3-4
BIOL201R	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	4
MATH 106R or 110R	Statistics I or Functions & Modeling I	4	0	3-4
First Year Fall Semester		CL	LAB	CR
RSPT151R	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I	8	4	10
BIOL202R	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	4
First Year Spring Semester		CL	LAB	CR
RSPT152R	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care II	8	4	10
RSPT191R	Respiratory Practicum I (Spring or Summer)	0	0	3
BIOL205R	Microbiology	3	3	4
Second Year Summer Semester		CL	LAB	CR
RSPT191R	Respiratory Practicum I (Spring or Summer)	0	0	3
SOSCxxxR	Social Science Elective	3	0	3
HUMAxixR	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3	0	3
Second Year Fall Semester		CL	LAB	CR
RSPT153R	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care III	6	4	8
RSPT281R	Respiratory Practicum II	0	0	4
Second Year Spring Semester		CL	LAB	CR
RSPT154R	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care IV	4	3	5
RSPT282R	Respiratory Practicum III	0	0	4

The Respiratory Therapy Associate in Science Program is offered in Claremont



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