

TYPES OF JOBS AVAILABLE:

- Respiratory therapists work in a variety of settings. Employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2012 because of substantial growth in the middle-aged and elderly population, a development that will heighten the incidence of cardiopulmonary disease.

Although hospitals will continue to employ the vast majority of therapists, a growing number can expect to work outside of hospitals in home health care services, offices of physicians, outpatient centers, skilled nursing facilities and patients' homes.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Students complete a comprehensive curriculum in assessment, treatment, management, diagnostic evaluation, and care of patients with lung and heart problems. Supervised clinical practice at local hospitals and health centers gives students experience in common procedures such as administering medical gases, aerosols and inhaled medications, applying ventilatory support, and testing techniques used in diagnosis, monitoring and treatment. Clinical practice for the program is provided in cooperation with a variety of health care facilities throughout the region.

Upon completion of the program, students receive an Associate of Applied Science degree, at which time they are eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care exams and apply for state licensure.

The program offers Lincoln classroom instruction and Web-based courses.

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LINCOLN CAMPUS

The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs www.caahep.org upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835, www.coarc.com

Credit Hours Required for Graduation: 119.5

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES:

(May be transferred or earned at SCC. These courses must be completed before entry to the program. Contact a program advisor for specific courses.)

- Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab
- Microbiology with lab
- Physics & Lab
- Chemistry & Lab
- Medical Terminology I

A program prerequisite may fulfill general education requirements.

NOTE: Students must maintain a GPA of 2.75 in the Program Prerequisites and a GPA of 2.5 in the General Education classes.



This program offers classes online!

Course list for General Education requirements on page 65.

RESPIRATORY CARE COURSES:

Student must complete the following RESP courses.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HRS
RESP1111	Respiratory Anatomy & Physiology	4.5
RESP1112	Respiratory Care Procedures I	5.5
RESP1113	Respiratory Pharmacology	3.0
RESP1114	Patient Care Principles	4.5
RESP1121	Cardiopulmonary Pathology	4.5
RESP1122	Respiratory Care Procedures II	6.5
RESP1126	Respiratory Care Professions I	2.0
RESP1129	Clinical Education II	1.0
RESP1131	Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics	4.0
RESP1132	Mechanical Ventilation	6.5
RESP1139	Clinical Education III	5.0
RESP1143	Neonatal & Pediatric Respiratory Care	5.0
RESP1144	Rehab/Home Care	3.0
RESP1147	Ventilator Management II	1.0
RESP1148	Critical Care Management & Lab	4.0
RESP1149	Clinical Education IV	5.0
RESP2251	Cardiovascular Physiology	4.0
RESP2255	Respiratory Care Professions II	3.0
RESP2257	Cardiopulmonary Procedures Lab	1.5
RESP2259	Clinical Education V	8.0
RESP2263	Patient Education	2.0
RESP2267	Clinical Simulations Lab	1.5
RESP2268	Seminar Review	4.0
RESP2269	Clinical Education VI	8.0

97.0 hours

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Contact your program advisor to select general education course/s from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See page 65 for complete list.

(One class from each area below.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	4.5
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	4.5
MATHEMATICS	4.5
SOCIAL SCIENCE	4.5

(Plus one class from the three areas below)

SCIENCE	
HUMANITIES	
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY	4.5

22.5 hours

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- All Program Prerequisites and General Education requirements must be completed prior to entering the program.
- CPR for Health Care Providers Certification is required prior to entrance into the program.
- Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license. Contact the State Licensing Board if there are questions.
- Completed Health Statement
- All RESP courses must be passed with a minimum grade of 75% (C+) to progress through the program. If a 75% is not achieved, the student will be dropped from the program. The student may reapply to the program the following year if space is available.
- A criminal background check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the outcome of the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC.