



Professional Awareness Activity

If you are unable to complete a shadowing experience due to a medical center not being able to accommodate shadowing we have made an alternate activity to provide prospective respiratory care students the opportunity to have a better understanding of the profession.

Please view the following video: <http://www.aarc.org/careers/what-is-an-rt/life-breath-video/>.

As you view the video, identify the answers to the following questions. Once you have answered the questions, please submit your answers to the program chair via email at tklopfenstein@southeast.edu.

Life and Breath Video Questions:

1. What kind of settings do respiratory therapists work in?
2. What type of patients do respiratory therapists work with?
3. Which area of the profession are you most interested in and why?
4. What are ten important skills/attitudes a respiratory therapist needs to possess?
5. Why is it important to be adaptable and willing to keep learning in this field?
6. Provide three reasons why good communication skills are so important in the profession.
7. Give two examples of chronic respiratory diseases mentioned in the video.
8. Why is it important for respiratory therapists to help patients learn how to manage their disease?
9. What does it mean to be an extender of the physician and how does that make respiratory therapists valuable?
10. How did you hear about respiratory therapy?
11. Why do you think respiratory therapy is the profession for you?