The field of respiratory care has a promising future, and SCC is here to help you gain the necessary skills to be successful! Our program will prepare you to become a practitioner who evaluates, treats and cares for patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists follow specific, well-defined respiratory care procedures under the direction of physicians.

**SCC is the Right Choice**

- SCC offers innovative spaces with the latest in equipment and technology in the new state-of-the-art Health Sciences building on the Lincoln Campus.
- Your education includes a comprehensive curriculum in assessment, treatment, management, diagnostic evaluation, and care of patients with lung and heart problems.
- Supervised clinical practice will give you experience in common procedures such as administering medical gases, aerosol and inhaled medications, applying ventilator support, and testing techniques used in diagnosis, monitoring and treatment.
- Upon completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the National Board for Respiratory Care exams and apply for state licensure.

**For your convenience, we offer two tracks**

- **Traditional Full-Time Track:** Includes traditional face-to-face classes/labs/clinical rotations; program is 18 months (three semesters, one summer term) in length and starts in the Fall term; and you can expect to be in class/lab/clinical during the day/evening hours Monday through Friday.
- **Online Part-Time Track:** Provides classes in an online learning environment with lab and clinical rotations completed at a local medical center; program is 24 months (four semesters, two summer terms) in length and starts in the Spring term; and you can expect to spend approximately 30-35 hours each week on coursework.

**Top Career Options**

- Respiratory Therapist

**Graduate Earnings**

Recent graduates report an average starting salary of $43,576 per year.

**2020-2021 Resident Estimated Expenses**

- Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour: $111
- Resident Tuition/Fees: $7,714
- Books: $1,200
- Special Fees: $800
- Uniforms: $100
- **Total:** $9,814

The Respiratory Care program at SCC does an excellent job of preparing you for a fast-paced career in healthcare with limitless opportunities. The teachers are very invested in your success as a student and healthcare professional.

- Danny Van Ranken, RRT, NPS
  Director of Procedural Services
  Kearney Regional Medical Center