

Respiratory Care Technology

Most people take breathing for granted. It is second nature — an involuntary reflex. However, for thousands of individuals who suffer from breathing problems, each breath is a major accomplishment. Metropolitan Community College offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care which can lead to Registered Respiratory Therapist status in the profession. The curriculum offers a common core of academic courses in the arts and sciences and in cardiopulmonary sciences. A portion of the course of study is devoted to clinical practice in area hospitals and healthcare facilities.

Application Deadline

Applications are due June 1 each year for the fall quarter.

Admission Criteria

Upon admission to the Respiratory Care Program, the College is required to obtain reports of background and criminal record investigations. All clinical facilities require completed criminal background checks prior to beginning a clinical practicum at their site.

All students admitted to the Respiratory Care Program will be required to submit to a ten panel drug screening and must complete a Student Medical Record form, which includes a physical examination record and documentation of required immunizations. Details will be provided upon acceptance to the program.

The Respiratory Care Technology Program at Metropolitan Community College is fully accredited by the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Care Education and the Committee of Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association.

Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		33.0 Credit Hrs
ENGL 1010	English Composition I	4.5
ENGL 1020	English Composition II	4.5
PYSC 1010	Introduction to Psychology	4.5
MATH 1310	Intermediate Algebra	4.5
BIOS 2150	Microbiology *	6.0
HRML 1010	Human Relations Skills	4.5
INFO 1001	Information Systems and Literacy	4.5

The General Education requirement for this degree program exceeds the minimum standard number of hours. For more information contact Student Services.

*Additional prerequisite(s) may be required.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY		21.5 - 22.5 Credit Hrs
BIOS 1010	Introduction to Biology OR	
BIOS 2310	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	6.0
BIOS 1310	Survey of Human Anatomy and Physiology OR	
BIOS 2320	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	5.0 – 6.0
CHEM 1010	College Chemistry	6.0
PHYS 1010	Applied Physics	4.5

REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY		76.5 Credit Hrs
RESP 1000	Orientation to Respiratory Care	3.0
RESP 1010	Introduction to Respiratory Care Procedures	4.5
RESP 1020	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	4.5
RESP 1030	Respiratory Care Procedures I	4.5
RESP 1031	Current Concepts I	2.0
RESP 1040	Respiratory Care Procedures II	4.5
RESP 1041	Current Concepts II	2.0
RESP 1042	Pharmacology for Respiratory Care	3.0
RESP 1991	Clinical Practicum I	5.5
RESP 1992	Clinical Practicum II	5.5
RESP 1993	Clinical Practicum III	5.5
RESP 2100	Advanced Respiratory Care	4.5
RESP 2101	Current Concepts III	2.0
RESP 2120	Cardiology and Hemodynamics	3.0
RESP 2121	Current Concepts IV	2.0
RESP 2122	Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care	3.0
RESP 2131	Current Concepts V	2.0
RESP 2132	Respiratory Care Seminar	4.5
RESP 2994	Clinical Practicum IV	5.5
RESP 2995	Clinical Practicum V	5.5

Contact:

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Admission

Meet with a college counselor or advisor in the Student Services Center at the campus location of your choice to discuss the field of Respiratory Care and the specific program requirements.

Students with No Prior College Experience:

- Make arrangements with the college counselor or advisor to complete the required college Compass/Asset Basic Skills Assessment.
- Obtain assistance with initial course selection and registration from the counselor or advisor.
NOTE: If developmental courses are indicated by the Assessment Test, you must enroll in the these classes. You are encouraged to complete as many of the general education and program support classes as possible prior to your formal acceptance into the Respiratory Care Program.

Students with Prior College Experience:

- Submit official transcripts for all postsecondary schools previously attended.
- Complete and return the program admission form.
- Have two individuals complete and submit the reference forms included in the packet.
- Schedule yourself to complete the PSB-Health Occupations Exam.