



Respiratory Therapy

SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Respiratory Therapists are specialized healthcare practitioners who provide care to patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system. Respiratory Therapists treat patients with oxygen therapy, aerosolized medication, provide lung clearance and expansion therapies, and are capable of mechanically breathing for patients who are unable to effectively on their own. Respiratory Therapists work with patients ranging from premature infants to the elderly, work in all areas of the hospital, and are vital members of the emergency response team. Effective skills such as compassion, communication, and a willingness to learn are essential to becoming a successful practicing Respiratory Therapist.

Career Opportunities	According to the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is projected to grow 23 percent from 2016-2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Although hospitals will continue to employ the vast majority of therapists, a growing number can expect to work outside of hospitals in the home healthcare services, physician clinics, or as medical equipment providers.			
Degree Options	SCCC offers a 24-month Associate of Applied Science degree. Upon completion of the program the graduate will be eligible to take the credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. The Respiratory Therapy program is also offered over a distance education network on the Garden City Community College Campus.			
Advising	An SCCC Respiratory Therapy advisor/faculty member will help you plan your course of study and will outline the specific requirements for completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy.			
Facilities	The Respiratory Therapy program is located in the Colvin Family Center for Allied Health in Liberal. The facility includes simulation, skills, and computer laboratories, and faculty/staff offices. Main campus facilities offer respiratory therapy students access to library resources, testing facilities, and campus activities.			
Clubs/Organizations	The Student Respiratory Therapy Association (SRTA) invites students admitted to the program to participate in activities related to the professional society, community health projects, and allied health education programs.			
Distance Education	SCCC offers the Respiratory Therapy course lectures over a distance education network available on the Garden City Community College campus. Required general education courses are available at each site. Students will be required to attend classes at SCCC campus when GCCC campus is closed, for all course labs, and upon instructor request for course(s) requirements. Admission, clinical studies, course requirements, and awarding of the Associate of Applied Science degree are administered by SCCC.			
Admissions Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Take Accuplacer entrance exam at SCCC main campus. This is not needed if you already have college credits.■ Submit official high school transcript or GED scores.■ Submit official college transcript(s), if applicable.■ Obtain admission forms from the website, Respiratory Therapy faculty, or the Allied Health secretary.■ Schedule an interview with a Respiratory Therapy faculty member. <p>Preliminary application deadline is August 1st. Notification of admission will be immediate as applications that meet the admission criteria are received before this date. Late applications, after August 1st, will be accepted until November 1st, or until the maximum cohort capacity of 18 students is met. Notification of late applicant admission will be the week following November 1st.</p>			
Accreditation	<p>The SCCC respiratory therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. 264 Precision Blvd. Telford, TN 37690 www.coarc.com</p> <p>The information enclosed in this form may be changed or modified at any time to correspond to decisions of the SCCC Board of Trustees, local, state or federal requirements. This information should not be construed as being contractual in nature.</p>			
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Degree Requirements

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Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy		Credit Hours
Prerequisite:	BI2115 Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
	MA1103 Intermediate or MA1173 College Algebra	3
	EG1103 English Composition I	3
	EG1113 English Composition II or SP1203 Public Speaking	3
	BH1303 General Psychology	3
	CH1505 College Chemistry I	5
	BI2705 Microbiology	5
<p>General Psychology, Public Speaking and either College Chemistry I or Microbiology may be completed concurrent with the program core curriculum with the program advisors permission. Any exceptions for pre-requisite course completion dates may be considered for approval by the Program Director. All pre/co-requisite courses must be completed with a C or better prior to enrolling in the Critical Care Practicum course.</p>		
First Year		
Spring Semester		
	RT1126 RT Procedures I	6
	RT1104 Respiratory Physiology	4
	RT1502 RT Pharmacology	2
Summer Semester		
	RT1112 Respiratory Diseases	2
Open for required general education courses if needed (see faculty advisor).		
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
	RT2125 RT Procedures II	5
	RT2013 Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care	3
	RT2014 Clinical Practicum II	4
Spring Semester		
	RT2133 RT Procedures III	3
	RT2315 RT Clinical Practicum III	5
	RT2601 RT Seminar	1
Summer Semester		
	RT2606 Critical Care Practicum	6
	RT2251 Clinical Simulation and Review	1
Total Associates of Applied Science Degree Requirements		69

Students must maintain a GPA of 2.50 for the pre-requisite general education courses required by the Respiratory Therapy program.

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