



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 and communication with a willingness to learn are essential to becoming a successful practicing Respiratory Therapist.

Career Opportunities Respiratory Therapy is listed as #6 in the "Best Jobs in Healthcare" list and #16 in the "100 Best Jobs in America" list: money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/rankings. The median salary for 2022 is listed at \$62,810 with over 30,000 jobs projected. 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.

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. Campus facilities offer respiratory therapy students access to library resources, testing facilities, and campus activities.

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.

Program Outcomes The most recent reporting period is 2019-2021 with the following program/graduate outcomes:

- Program Retention 72%, Accreditation Threshold 70%
- Graduate Job Placement 88%, Accreditation Threshold none
- Graduate RRT Credentialing Success 69%, Accreditation Threshold none
- Graduate TMC High Cut Score Pass Rate 78%, Accreditation Threshold 60%
- Overall Employer Satisfaction 100%, Accreditation Threshold 80%
- Overall Graduate Satisfaction 100%, Accreditation Threshold 80%

Admissions Procedures

- Complete and submit the online application on the Respiratory Therapy webpage
- Complete the TEAS test by scheduling it at the SCCC Testing Center
- Complete an interview with a RT faculty member

Preliminary application deadline is November 1st. Processing of application for admission will be immediate if received before this date. Late applications, after November 1st, will be accepted until the maximum cohort capacity of 18 students is met.

Accreditation The SCCC respiratory therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy, Inc. (CoARC).
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Degree Requirements

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Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy		Credit Hours
Prerequisites:	BI2115 Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
	MA1103 Intermediate or MA1173 College Algebra	3
	EG1103 English Composition I	3
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Corequisites:	EG1113 English Composition II or SP1203 Public Speaking	3
	BH1303 General Psychology	3
	CH1205 Introduction to Chemistry	5
	BI2705 Microbiology	5
Corequisites:	General Psychology, Comp II/Public Speaking and either Intoduction to Chemistry 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.	
First Year		
Spring Semester		
	RT1126 RT Procedures I	6
	RT1104 Respiratory Physiology	4
	RT1502 RT Pharmacology (hybrid)	2
	*Hybrid courses require students to meet a few times during the semester in class but the course content is all online through Canvas	
Summer Semester		
	RT1112 Respiratory Diseases (hybrid)	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 (hybrid)	1
Summer Semester		
	RT2606 Critical Care Practicum	6
	RT2251 Clinical Simulation and Review (hybrid)	1
Total Associates of Applied Science Degree Requirements		69

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

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