



# Respiratory Therapy

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

<b>Career Opportunities</b>	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.			
<b>Degree Options</b>	SCCC offers a 24-month Associate of Applied Science degree. Upon completion of the program the graduate will be eligible to take the registry 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.			
<b>Advising</b>	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 in Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy.			
<b>Facilities</b>	The Respiratory Therapy program is located in the Epworth Allied Health Education Center at 520 N. Washington in Liberal. The Epworth facility includes skills and computer laboratories, a student lounge, and faculty/staff offices. Main campus facilities offer respiratory therapy students access to library resources, testing facilities, and campus activities.			
<b>Clubs/Organizations</b>	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.			
<b>Distance Education</b>	SCCC offers the Respiratory Therapy technical courses 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 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.			
<b>Admissions Procedures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Take Accuplacer entrance exam at SCCC main campus. This is not needed if you already have college credits.</li><li>■ Submit official high school transcript or GED scores.</li><li>■ Submit official college transcript(s), if applicable.</li><li>■ Obtain admission forms from the website or from the Allied Health secretary.</li><li>■ Schedule an interview with a respiratory therapy faculty member.</li></ul> <p>Preliminary application deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Notification of admission will be the following week. Late applications will be considered until program enrollment of eighteen students is met.</p>			
<b>Accreditation</b>	<p>The SCCC respiratory therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. P.O. Box 54876 Hurst, TX 76054-4876 Ph: 817-283-2835 <a href="http://www.coarc.com">www.coarc.com</a></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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<b>Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
	Intermediate or College Algebra	3
	English Composition I	3
	English Composition II or Public Speaking	3
	General Psychology	3
	College Chemistry I	5
	Microbiology	5
<p>General Psychology, Public Speaking and either College Chemistry I or Microbiology may be completed concurrent with the program core curriculum with RT program advisors permission. Any exceptions for prerequisite course completion dates may be considered for approval by the program director. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the Critical Care Practicum course.</p>		
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
	RT Procedures I	6
	Respiratory Physiology	4
	RT Pharmacology	2
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
	Open for required general education courses if needed (see faculty advisor).	
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
	RT Procedures II	5
	Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care	3
	Respiratory Diseases	2
	RT Seminar	1
	Clinical Practicum II	4
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
	RT Procedures III	3
	RT Clinical Practicum III	5
	Clinical Simulation and Review	1
<b>Summer Semester</b>		
	Critical Care Practicum	6
<b>Total Associates of Applied Science Degree Requirements</b>		<b>69</b>

A grade of "C" or better is required for all general education and respiratory therapy courses. General education courses must be taken prior to admittance to the respiratory therapy program.

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