



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 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. Skills such as compassion, good communication, an ability to time manage and a willingness to continually learn are essential to becoming a successful practicing Respiratory Therapist.

Career Opportunities Respiratory Therapy is listed as #12 in the Best Health Care Jobs as listed on money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs. The median salary for 2022 is listed at \$70,540 in 2022 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 successful completion of the program, the graduate will be eligible to take the credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Credentials must be obtained to enter into practice.

Facilities The Respiratory Therapy program is offered by SCCC with the classroom and laboratory location being in the Colvin Family Center for Allied Health in Liberal.

Distance Education SCCC offers the Respiratory Therapy course lectures over a distance education network available on the Garden City Community College and Dodge City Community College campus. Required general education courses are available at each site. Students will be required to attend classes at SCCC campus when the other campuses are closed, for all course labs, and upon instructor request for course(s) requirements. Admission, course requirements, and awarding of the Associate of Applied Science degree are administered by SCCC.

Program Outcomes

The most recent reporting period is 2020-2022 with the following program/graduate outcomes:

- Program Retention 67%, Accreditation Threshold 70%
- Graduate Job Placement 88%, Accreditation Threshold none
- Graduate RRT Credentialing Success 56%, Accreditation Threshold none
- Graduate TMC High Cut Score Pass Rate 76%, Accreditation Threshold 60%
- Overall Employer Satisfaction 95%, Accreditation Threshold 80%
- Overall Graduate Satisfaction 100%, Accreditation Threshold 80%

Admissions Procedures

- Speak with a program faculty member (see information below) to discuss completion of the pre-requisite courses and eligibility of applying
- Complete and submit the online application on the Respiratory Therapy webpage. Applications are accepted for the next cohort starting in January with the preliminary application deadline of November 1st. Applications submitted before this date will be processed for admission as received. After this date, applications will only be considered if the cohort maximum of 18 students is not yet met.
- Complete the TEAS test by scheduling it at the SCCC Testing Center
- Complete an interview with a RT faculty member

Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)
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Degree Requirements

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Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy

Prerequisites: BI2115 Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
MA1103 Intermediate or MA1173 College Algebra	3
EG1103 English Composition I	3
BI2705 Microbiology	5

Corequisites: EG1113 English Composition II OR	3
SP1203 Public Speaking	
BH1303 General Psychology	3

Corequisites: **General Psychology and Comp II/Public Speaking** may be completed concurrent with the program core curriculum with the program advisor’s 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 2.5 GPA prior to enrolling in the final summer semester.

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 primarily online via Canvas

Summer Semester

RT1112 Respiratory Diseases (hybrid)	2
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Fall Semester

RT2125 RT Procedures II	5
RT2013 Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care	3
RT2014 Clinical Practicum II	4

Second Year

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 64

A minimum of a “C” is required of all Respiratory Therapy courses.

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