

Respiratory Care - AAS

West Burlington Campus

Respiratory care deals with all aspects of the heart and lungs from babies through adulthood. It ranks among the top 20 fastest growing occupations, and companies love to hire SCC grads. That's because they know their stuff. Our two-year program includes tons of hands-on experience in clinical sites across the region.

Admission standards apply to this program. Please contact Student Success Center for more details.

Admission Requirements

- Departmental Math Test - must pass with 80%
- Complete and attain minimums in standardized scores within 24 months of review for acceptance into the program:
 - ACT
 - Reading: 19
 - Math: 19
 - English: 17
 - OR Composite of 20
 - SAT
 - Reading/Writing: 330
 - Math: 510
 - OR Composite of 1040
 - Next-Gen ACCUPLACER:
 - Reading: 248
 - Writing: 260
 - ALEKS:
 - Math: 14

Additional Requirements

- Students will be required to obtain clearance on criminal and adult/child abuse screening.
- Students will be required to pass a mandatory background check.
- Students will be required to submit (at their own expense) a completed physical examination form and immunizations for health care providers.
- Current certification in CPR-Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers**.
- Current certification in Mandatory Reporter-Adult & Child Abuse**.
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement.
- Current HIPAA Certification.
- Current Blood Borne Pathogen certification.

- Proof of Health Insurance.

All health career programs require students to earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or above in all coursework within the program. All other eligibility requirements must be met.

**Certifications may be obtained at Southeastern Community College. Students should work with an Student Success Advocate for the appropriate courses and dates to obtain these certifications.

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher within the last 5 years. All health career programs require students to earn a grade of "C" (2.0) or above in all coursework within the program. All other eligibility requirements must be met.

For specific information regarding program rules and expectations, please view the [Respiratory Care Program Handbook](#).

Where will this take me?

Certified Respiratory Therapist
Registered Respiratory Therapist

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Southeastern Community College values diversity in all its forms. Please visit <https://www.scciova.edu/non-discrimination-statement.aspx> to view our non-discrimination statement.

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit SCC's financial aid website at <http://www.scciova.edu/admissions/costaid/finaid/gainemp.aspx>

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Program Requirements

Prerequisites	Credit
BIO-186 Microbiology	4
CHM-122 Introduction to General Chemistry	4
HSC-114 Medical Terminology	3
Semester Total.....	11

Fall Semester I	Credit
BIO-163 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology	4
ENG-105 Composition I	3
RCP-231 Introduction to Respiratory Care	3
RCP-232 Respiratory Care Modalities	1.5
RCP-233 Introduction to Clinical Practice	3
Semester Total.....	14.5

Spring Semester I	Credit
RCP-331 Respiratory Care II	3
RCP-332 Respiratory Care Modalities II	1
RCP-333 Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology	2
RCP-350 Pulmonary Pathology	3
RCP-751 Respiratory Care Clinic I	5
SPC-101 Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
Semester Total.....	17

Summer Semester	Credit
PSY-111 Introduction to Psychology	3
RCP-480 Advanced Cardiac Care	2.5
RCP-524 Respiratory Care III	5
RCP-755 Respiratory Care Clinic II	1
Semester Total.....	11.5

Fall Semester II	Credit
RCP-440 Cardio/Pulmonary Diagnostics	2
RCP-450 Respiratory Care IV	3
RCP-620 Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care	5
RCP-761 Respiratory Care Clinic III	5
Semester Total.....	15

Spring Semester II	Credit
RCP-767 Respiratory Care Clinic IV	8
RCP-810 Respiratory Care Professional	2
RCP-910 Respiratory Care RRT Review	2
Semester Total.....	12

Program Total.....	81
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