

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.

Program Information

Respiratory Care is a specialty field in the health occupation career field. Simply stated, "It deals with everything to do with the heart and lungs from babies through adulthood." This field is growing rapidly and has a great demand for graduates with an associate degree in respiratory care. Respiratory care ranks among the Top 20 fastest-growing occupations for the 21st century.

This two-year program includes clinical studies. These clinical studies consist of hands-on training that will take place in rotating hospitals within a 75-mile radius. Graduates of this program will be able to initiate, conduct, or modify respiratory care techniques in emergency and non-emergency settings.

Admission Criteria for Respiratory Care (#315) applies to this program. Below is a summary of the guidelines for convenience and is subject to change. Application deadlines apply to this program. *Please contact Enrollment Services for more details.*

Admission Requirements

RESPIRATORY CARE PREADMISSION TESTING AND PLACEMENT STANDARDS

- Respiratory Care Entrance Exam: 80% or higher
- Minimum GPA of 2.0 for at least 12 semester hours of baccalaureate credit OR an AA, AS, or baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.0

- Applicable placement scores within 24 months of enrollment
 - 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 or greater
 - Writing: 260 or greater
 - ALEKS:
 - Math: 14 or greater

Additional Requirements

Students are required to attend respiratory care orientation and must complete or submit the following requirements prior to enrollment in the Respiratory Care program:

- Copy of physical evaluation form including required immunizations for Healthcare Personnel.
- Copy of current certification in Basic Life Support—Healthcare Providers.**
- Copy of current certification in Mandatory Reporter.**
- Signed Confidentiality Agreement.
- Clearance on criminal background and adult/child abuse screening.
- Proof of Health Insurance.
- Successful completion of the following courses within the last 5 years with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher:
 - HSC-114 Medical Terminology
 - CHM-122 Introduction to General Chemistry
 - BIO-186 Microbiology
- Students will be allowed to maintain enrollment if the following is completed in the first six weeks of the program:
 - Respiratory Fit Testing.

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

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

The Southeastern Community College Respiratory Care Program, CoARC #200462, located in West Burlington, Iowa, offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (www.coarc.com).

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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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