



Respiratory Therapist

Associate in Applied Science Degree
with Wallace Community College – Dothan

Breathe new life into your career with a Respiratory Therapist degree from Alabama Southern and Wallace!

Are you interested in a challenging career opportunity that would help someone breathe easier everyday? Then a career in Respiratory Therapy might be for you!

The Respiratory Therapist program is designed to provide necessary training for successful completion of the requirements for the advanced practitioner level as defined by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). A respiratory therapist is responsible for administering (under physician's prescription) many types of breathing therapeutics, and utilizing specialized breathing, aerosol, and humidification equipment. The respiratory therapist works closely with the physician and also directly with the patient in the treatment situation.

Accreditation/Licensure

The Respiratory Therapist Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in association with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Upon graduation, the student is eligible to apply to take the registry examination of the National Board of Respiratory Care.

Course Requirements

Students will take their first year of general required courses at an Alabama Southern campus and the remaining professional courses at Wallace Community College in Dothan. Students may



apply for conditional admission to the program without having all the academic courses met.

- Admission to the Respiratory Therapist program is competitive and applications are accepted in May and June of each year for fall semester entry. The professional phase is designed to be completed in four consecutive terms.
- Application must be received by a published June deadline for Fall Semester consideration.
- A minimum grade of "C" or better is required in all general education courses.
- Students must maintain a "C" or higher in all major required courses.
- After submission of the application packet, the applicant is scheduled to complete the Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET). Minimum score is required. Cost of the test is incurred by the applicant (\$20.00).

The Healthcare Alliance offers a world of healthcare career opportunities to residents of Southwest Alabama. Our partnership with area hospitals, healthcare providers and Wallace Community College gives you more options to unlock the key to your success!

- Students must maintain certification in Basic Cardiac Life Support.
- Students must receive a passing score on the Cumulative Clinical Proficiency Examination administered at the end of each professional phase term.

Year 1: ASCC General Required Courses

(27 credit hours)

ORI 101	Orientation to College I	
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
CIS 146	Microcomputer Applications	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
MTH 116	Mathematical Applications	3
*BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
*BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSY 200	General Psychology	3
SPH 106	Fundamentals of Oral Communication OR	
SPH 107	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
*BIO 103	is a prerequisite	

Year 2: Wallace Major Courses

(52 credit hours)

ORI 104	WorkKeys Assessment & Advising	1
EMS 100	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation I	1
EMS 266	Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider	1
RPT 210	Clinical Practice I	2
RPT 211	Introduction to Respiratory Care	2
RPT 212	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I	4
RPT 213	Anatomy & Physiology for the RCP	3
RPT 214	Pharmacology for the RCP	2
RPT 220	Clinical Practice II	2
RPT 221	Pathology for the RCP I	3
RPT 222	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care II	4
RPT 223	Acid/Base Regulation and ABG Analysis	2
RPT 230	Clinical Practice III	2
RPT 231	Pathology for the RCP II	3
RPT 232	Diagnostic Procedures for the RCP	2
RPT 233	Special Procedures for the RCP	2
RPT 234	Mechanical Ventilation for the RCP	3
RPT 240	Clinical Practice IV	4

RPT 241	Rehabilitation and Home Care for the RCP	2
RPT 242	Perinatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care	3
RPT 243	Computer Applications for the RCP	2
RPT 266	Seminar in Respiratory Medicine I	1
RPT 276	Seminar in Respiratory Medicine II	1
TOTAL:		79 credit hours

Job Outlook

Job opportunities for respiratory therapists are expected to increase faster than the average for all healthcare related occupations through the year 2012, because of the growing numbers of middle-aged and elderly people. This development is expected to heighten the incidence of cardiopulmonary disease. As the number of these age groups increases, the need for respiratory therapists will increase as well.

Hospitals will continue to employ the majority of respiratory therapists; however a person with this degree can expect to work outside of hospitals in home healthcare services, physicians' offices, consumer goods rental firms that supply respiratory equipment for home use and nursing care facilities.

Earnings

Respiratory Therapist: \$28,230 to \$47,860
All salaries are averages for the state of Alabama and are updated on a yearly basis.

Admissions

For more information on the Alabama Southern Regional Healthcare Alliance programs, contact Brenda Rigsby at (251) 575-8238 or email brigsby@ascc.edu.



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