

# **Respiratory Therapy/Respiratory Care A.A.S**

## **Program Details**

**Description:** Respiratory Care is the health care discipline specializing in the promotion of optimum cardiopulmonary function, health and wellness.

68 credit hours

Two years program (five semesters)

Clinical Internship (semesters 2-5) Students must pass the NBRC board exam before applying for a state license

**Time Commitment:** This program requires a significant time commitment

It is not possible to work a full-time job and be successful.

Classes are three days per week, and clinicals (8.25 hours a day) are two days weekly

Classes begin as early as 8:30 a.m. and end as late as 6:00 p.m.

Clinicals start during the second semester of the program.

Students will rotate to multiple clinicals sites.

### **NBRC Examinations:**

NBRC credential and a state license are required to practice as a respiratory therapist in the United States.

### **Certified/Registered Respiratory Therapist (CRT and RRT)**

CRT and the RRT credentials are the basis for licensure in all states.

### **Specialty Examinations**

Pulmonary Function Technologist

Adult Critical Care Specialist

Neonatal/Pediatric Specialist

Sleep Disorder Specialist

Asthma Education Specialist