

**School of Health Sciences  
Respiratory Therapy  
Associate of Applied Science  
Admission Criteria for Fall 2026**

Applicants are selected on a merit based, competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. See the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#) for current application information.

**SLCC ADMISSION PROCESS**

1. [Apply to SLCC](#) as a degree seeking student & declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, & Respiratory Therapy as the Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be placed in a holding degree and declared as a Pre-Health Sciences-AS student.
2. For transfer credit, complete all the required steps in the [SLCC Transfer Evaluation process](#). Be sure to submit transcripts for ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite coursework has been completed. *This process may take 4-6 weeks and must be completed before a student's application will be considered.*
3. Complete [SLCC Placement Process](#) or submit current SAT/ACT test scores if MATH and ENGL course work have not been transferred to SLCC.
4. Schedule appointment with the [Respiratory Therapy Academic Advisor online](#) or call 801-957-6215. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with the Respiratory Therapy advisor.
5. ALL communication will be through SLCC BruinMail.

**RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS**

**1. Mandatory Prerequisite Courses**

The following program prerequisite courses require a minimum grade of **C or better**. BIOL 2320/2325, BIOL 2420/2425 & CHEM 1110 must be completed within **seven years prior to application** to the program:

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	Prerequisites to Courses
ENGL 1010 or any (EN)	Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 0990 w/ C grade or better OR appropriate placement score. Students are encouraged to learn/use APA referencing in ENGL 1010.
MATH 1010 or Any (QL)	Intermediate Algebra	4	ENGL 0990 w/C grade; AND MATH 0990 w/C grade or appropriate placement score within 1 year.
RESP 1010	Intro. to Respiratory Therapy	2	
*BIOL 2320 BIOL 2325	Human Anatomy Human Anatomy Lab	4 0	BIOL 1610 w/C grade or better. BIOL 1615 (lab) must be taken concurrently with BIOL 1610.
CHEM 1110	Elementary Chemistry	4	MATH 1010, 1030, 1040, 1045 or placement into MATH 1050 or higher
*BIOL 2420 BIOL 2425	Human Physiology Human Physiology Lab	3 1	BIOL 1610 w/C grade or better, and CHEM 1110 with a grade of C or better. BIOL 1615 (lab) must be taken concurrently with BIOL 1610.

**\*NOTE:** If you are taking Human Anatomy and/or Human Physiology at SLCC, you must first take BIOL 1610/1615 w/C grade or better. CHEM 1110 is also a prerequisite course to Human Physiology at SLCC and must be completed with a C grade or better. Students transferring in with Human Physiology completed within the past seven years, CHEM 1010 can substitute for CHEM 1110.

## 2. Required Support Courses

The following courses are **not** required for application but **are required for graduation** and must be completed with a grade of **C or better**. Students who have not completed these courses prior to acceptance may complete them during the planned scheduled semester of the program.

COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS
COMM 1010	Elements of Effective Communication (CM)	3
PSY 1010 or PSY 1100 or FHS 1500	General Psychology, Lifespan Human Development & Growth, Lifespan Human Development (SS)	3
Any (HR) - HS 2050 Recommended	Cultural, Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care (HR)	3

## 3. Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED)

You will be required to verify high school graduation or equivalent, and documentation will be requested when you submit the Respiratory Therapy program application. You may upload a copy of your high school transcripts or diploma. If your high school transcripts have already been submitted to SLCC, you may make a note of that and upload the note into the application.

## 4. Essential Functions

Applicants must sign and date the [Essential Functions](#) document acknowledging they can perform the program's essential functions if admitted.

## 5. Preferred But Not Required

Applicants who submit documentation showing the following may be given extra consideration for the program if they have fulfilled all the program application requirements.

- **Graduated from an AHEC program or completed a MA or CNA certification within the last five years** – Must submit certification.
- **Community Engagement** – Applicants that have demonstrated a willingness to serve others through volunteer community engagement will receive additional consideration on their application. Community engagement can be volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters, emergency assistance programs, neighborhood cleanup programs, etc.

Community Engagement Criteria:

- Engagement should have occurred within the last five years and since high school graduation.
- Must be performed within the state of Utah.
- Continual experiences encouraged.
- Must be served without payment or reward.
- Service engagement with underserved groups or populations is encouraged.
- Only one experience will be considered for the application.

Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor that supervised community engagement. The letter should discuss type of service, length of time committed to serving and where service was performed.

- **HS 1100 – Medical Terminology**

## 6. Apply Online

On your MySLCC click on “Discover” (Found on the top left under the three horizontal lines next to the SLCC logo) type in “Selective Admissions Forms”. Click on “start here” under Health Sciences Programs if you are a first-time applicant. Click on “here” under apply to open admissions sessions if you have already registered for the health sciences admissions portal. The respiratory therapy application will only appear on the menu during open application periods. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$40. Up to **25** students are accepted every fall semester.

Respiratory Therapy Program Important Dates	
<b>Applications Accepted</b> January 15 – <b>May 15 (Priority Review Date)</b> *Extended – June 1 - August 1	
<b>Notification of Acceptance/Denial</b> June/August	
<b>Orientation</b> Information will be sent via “Full Acceptance” email	
<b>Classes Begin</b> September	
*The School of Health Sciences may reopen the application after the established deadline if it is in the best interest of the program to do so. Please check: <a href="http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/">http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/</a> regularly to see if the application has been reopened. All application requirements will still need to be fulfilled for an application to be considered. Applicants that apply by the original application deadlines will take priority.	

POTENTIAL FIRST SEMESTER PREREQUISITE SCHEDULE: Based on Math & English placement and full-time enrollment			
OPTION A:		OPTION B: If placed into Math 1010/1040	
MATH 1045 Intro to Statistics w/Integrated Algebra	4	MATH 1040 Intro to Statistics or MATH 1010 Intermediate Algebra	3-4
ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3	ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3
RESP 1010 Intro to Respiratory Therapy	2	RESP 1010 Intro to Respiratory Therapy	2
COMM 1010 Elements of Effective Communication	3	BIOL 1610/1615 College Biology & Lab	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12-13</b>

**ADVISING NOTE:** Sample schedule does not replace professional academic advising, individual needs may differ. Students should meet with their assigned program advisor on a regular basis to discuss course planning.

### AFTER PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the program will be given on a “Conditional” basis. Students must complete the following within the allotted time indicated in their “Conditional Acceptance” email letter (about 30 days) to receive “Full Acceptance”. **If students do not complete these requirements, they will forfeit their spot.** Once “Full Acceptance” is granted, students can register for respiratory therapy courses.

1. **American DataBank Complio:** Students are required to create an American DataBank Complio account to order their background check, submit necessary documentation, and meet immunization compliance requirements. Create an account by going to: <https://saltlakecc.complio.com/>

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank Complio. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday – Friday) OR email: [complio@americandatabank.com](mailto:complio@americandatabank.com).

2. **Immunizations: Required by clinical affiliates.** Order “Immunization Compliance Package” from American DataBank Complio, \$16.
  - a. If accepted into the program, this subscription will need to be renewed every 12 months while in the program for \$16.
  - b. For specific information, please see the “After You’re Accepted Into The Program” section under the desired program on the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#).
  - c. Immunization requirements are subject to change, therefore check the website often and far enough in advance to be able to accommodate deadlines. For questions on immunizations, please contact 801-957-6253 or [healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu](mailto:healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu).
  - d. Required immunizations officially documented and uploaded into American DataBank Complio:

- i. Annual Influenza Vaccination
- ii. Annual Tuberculosis (See HS website)
- iii. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
- iv. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- v. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- vi. Hepatitis B (Series and titer may take up to 1 year, so start well in advance)
- vii. Hepatitis A vaccination series (highly recommended but not required)
- viii. COVID (See HS website)

3. **Background Check:** Order “Criminal Background Check Package” through American Databank Compio, \$29
  - a. Students assume the risk if their criminal background check is not clear. If students do not pass the background check, they may not be accepted into the program. This may result in withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline has passed. The clinical site will make the final determination about accepting students for clinical placement. If you do not receive a favorable background check, contact the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator immediately.
  - b. It is **strongly** recommended that prospective students take measures to have criminal offenses [expunged](#) or sealed from their record. Students can review [Criminal History Guidelines on DOPL’s website](#). Students are advised to contact the [Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.
4. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Compio account
  - a. Current [American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider](#) (CPR) certification. American Red Cross will **NOT** be accepted. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**
5. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Compio, \$35  
*Please do not initiate any of the compliance tasks unless you have received a conditional acceptance notification to the email address you provided on your Salt Lake Community College application.*

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM SCHEDULE (12-Week Term)			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
RESP 1300 Cardiopulmonary Structure and Function	3	RESP 1400 Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	3
RESP 1310 Respiratory Physical Assessment	1	RESP 1420 Adult Mechanical Ventilation	2
RESP 1320 Respiratory Therapy Pharmacology	3	RESP 1430 Respiratory Therapy Modalities II	2
RESP 1330 Respiratory therapy Modalities I	2	RESP 1440 Respiratory Therapy Clinical I	5
COMM 1010 (Full Term - 16-week)	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>
Summer Semester		Fall Semester	
RESP 2100 Perinatal and Pediatric Respiratory Therapy	2	RESP 2210 Advanced Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	2
RESP 2130 Respiratory Therapy Modalities III	3	RESP 2220 Application of Respiratory Therapy	2
RESP 2140 Respiratory Therapy Clinical II	6	RESP 2240 Respiratory Therapy Clinical III	5
ANY HR - HS 2050 Cultural, Legal, and Ethical Issues in Health Care – Recommended (Full Term - 16-week)	3	PSY 1010, 1100 or FHS 1500 (Full Term - 16-week)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

#### Program Hours

The program is taught on the 12-week term and is a daytime program with classes typically taught morning through afternoon. Clinical practice hours in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters will be scheduled during different days and times (may

include nights and/or weekends and will be determined by the clinical setting). Once accepted and enrolled into the respiratory therapy program, students are required to maintain a grade of **B-** in all respiratory therapy courses. If a student does not meet the minimum grade requirements the student will be given the opportunity to retake the course one time. Failure to meet the minimum grade requirement in either didactic or clinical will require a repeat of both courses concurrently. Courses are only offered once per year, so failure to achieve a B- (80%) in any course will require a change in cohort. If a student is dismissed from the program and wishes to return, they will need to reapply to the program. Attendance in class and clinical is mandatory.

### National Exam

Upon successful completion of the core program, the graduate will be eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care Entry- Level Respiratory Care Practitioner Examination to become a Certified Respiratory Therapist, and the Advanced Level Respiratory Care Practitioner Examination to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

### Accreditation

The Respiratory Therapy Program, 200630, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, Salt Lake Community College, Jordan Campus holds provisional accreditation from the [Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care \(CoARC\)](#).

The Commission on Accreditation for  
Respiratory Care 1248 Harwood Road,  
Bedford, Texas 76021-4244  
Office: 817-283-2835,  
[Website: coarc.com](http://coarc.com)

### For more information, please contact

<b>Academic Advisor</b> <a href="#">Respiratory Therapy Advisor</a> or call: 801-957-6215 3491 W. Wights Fort Road West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Student Center 203	<b>Health Sciences Admissions Office</b> Office: (801) 957-6253 Fax: (801) 957-6324 3491 W. Wights Fort Road, West Jordan, UT 84088 <b>Jordan Health Sciences Center 065</b> <a href="#">Health Sciences Admissions</a> <a href="mailto:healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu">healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu</a>
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The School of Health Sciences at Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) welcomes all students to apply to our selective admissions programs who meet the admissions requirements based on the program of interest. Information regarding selective admissions requirements can be found [here](#).

Acceptance into a program does not guarantee availability of clinical placement, community clinical partners determine what students they will accept for clinical training purposes. Inability to complete clinical placements could prevent progression and completion of a program.

Graduation from a program does not guarantee the ability to obtain a Utah state license. Licensure is the exclusive right and responsibility of each state, students must satisfy individual state requirements, independent of SLCC graduation requirements. It is highly recommended that students consult in advance with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL) or similar agencies in other states, to find out more about eligibility for licensure. More information can be found on their [website](#).

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## ✓ RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Prerequisite Courses – Grade of C or better – BIOL 2320/2325, BIOL 2420/2425 & CHEM 1110 taken within the past seven years.**

- ☐ MATH 1010 or higher
- ☐ ENGL 1010 or any (EN)
- ☐ RESP 1010
- ☐ BIOL 2320 & 2325
- ☐ BIOL 2420 & 2425
- ☐ CHEM 1110

**Support Courses – Grade of C or better. Must be taken during program if not completed prior to starting.**

- ☐ COMM 1010
- ☐ PSY 1010, 1100 or FHS 1500
- ☐ HS 2050 or any (HR)

**Required Documents – Upload to Application**

- ☐ Proof of high school graduation or equivalent
- ☐ Essential Functions Form – Signed

**Preferred, but Not Required Items – See document for details.**

- ☐ Graduated from an AHEC program or completed a MA or CNA certification within the last five years.
- ☐ Community Engagement
- ☐ HS 1100 – Medical Terminology

**Application & Application Fee - \$ 40.00**

- ☐ Access on MySLCC Selective Admissions Card - Submit

10/21/25