

# Respiratory Therapy

## Breathing Life into Healthcare.

Respiratory Therapists care for patients in a wide variety of clinical settings. They evaluate, treat and manage patients with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders. Patients range from premature infants to elderly patients who have cardiopulmonary conditions.

### WHY SLCC?

The Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy offers the study of theory and techniques instrumental in diagnosis, treatment, management and preventive care of patients with cardiopulmonary problems. It will prepare students to become well-rounded professionals and competent respiratory therapists. The graduate will be eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) Examination to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

The Respiratory Therapy program at Salt Lake Community College, Program #200630, Associate of Applied Science (AAS) West Jordan Campus, 3491 West Wights Fort Road, West Jordan, Utah 84088 holds Provisional Accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC) ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)).

CoARC accredits entry into professional practice programs in respiratory care at the associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree level in the United States and its territories.

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



Visit the Respiratory Therapy website for more information at:  
[slcc.edu/respiratory-therapy](http://slcc.edu/respiratory-therapy)

### CAREERS & SALARY

**Median Average  
Hourly Wage: \$28.50**

[jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov)

### LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters  
51 Program Credits  
19 Prerequisite Credits

**70 Total Credits**

### PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$9,000 including Regular Tuition and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

### MORE INFORMATION

Division of Allied Health  
801-957-6200

Academic Advisor  
801-957-6215

[slcc.edu/respiratory-therapy](http://slcc.edu/respiratory-therapy)

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## ADMISSION PROCESS

- Candidate must be admitted as an SLCC matriculated student.
- All applicants **must be at least 18** years of age at the start of the program.
- HESI pre-admission exam – a minimum of 75% is required for consideration for admission to the program. With the exception of critical thinking, a minimum of 70% is required.
- Student must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- An **official evaluation** of transcripts must be submitted to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
- For transfer credit, submit official sealed transcripts for all colleges where prerequisite courses were completed.
- Application information including prerequisites, transcripts and Health Sciences pre-admission exam can be found at: [slcc.edu/hs/admissions](http://slcc.edu/hs/admissions)
- Complete the SLCC placement process or submit current SAT/ACT test scores.

- COMM 2110 Interpersonal Communication or COMM 1020 Principles of Public Speaking (CM)(3)
- RESP 1010 Intro to Respiratory Therapy (2)
- BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4) with a C grade or better within 7 years prior to application\*

\*BIOL 1610/1615, although not required for the program, is a required pre-requisite for BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab and BIOL 2420/2425 Human Physiology Lecture/Lab. Students taking BIOL 2320/2325 or 2420/2425 will be required to complete BIOL 1610/1615.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Admission into the Respiratory Therapy program is selective.
- One cohort of 25 students is admitted every fall semester.
- Acceptance or completion of the program does not guarantee licensure as a Respiratory Therapist. Upon successful program completion, students are eligible to take required national and state board exams.
- Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases and all students in the Respiratory Therapy program must follow proper OSHA procedures and practice universal precautions.
- Accepted students are required to attend the mandatory new student orientation day.
- Students will be responsible to provide their own transportation to clinical sites.

## PREREQUISITES

The following courses and labs must be completed prior to the final application deadline. Each course and lab must be completed with at C grade or better. Courses that have not been completed with a C grade or better will not be considered:

- CHEM 1110 (PS)(4) Elementary Chemistry with a C grade or better within 7 years prior to application
- MATH 1010 Integrated Algebra (QL)(3) or higher, (MATH 1040, 1050, 1060, 1080, or 1210)

SEMESTER I (FALL)	SEMESTER II (SPRING)	SEMESTER III (SUMMER)	SEMESTER IV (FALL)
RESP 1300 (3) Cardiopulmonary Structure & Function	RESP 1400 (3) Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	RESP 2100 (2) Advanced Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	RESP 2210 (2) Perinatal & Pediatric Respiratory Therapy
RESP 1310 (1) Respiratory Physical Assessment	RESP 1420 (2) Adult Mechanical Ventilation	RESP 2130 (3) Respiratory Therapy Modalities III	RESP 2220 (2) Application of Respiratory Therapy
RESP 1320 (3) Respiratory Therapy Pharmacology	RESP 1430 (2) Respiratory Therapy Modalities II	RESP 2140 (6) Respiratory Therapy Clinical II	RESP 2240 (5) Respiratory Therapy Clinical III
RESP 1330 (2) Respiratory Therapy Modalities I	RESP 1440 (5) Respiratory Therapy Clinical I	PSY 1010 (3) General Psychology	HS 2050 (3) Cultural, Legal, & Ethical Issues in Health Care
BIOL 2420/2425 (4) Human Physiology w/lab			
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