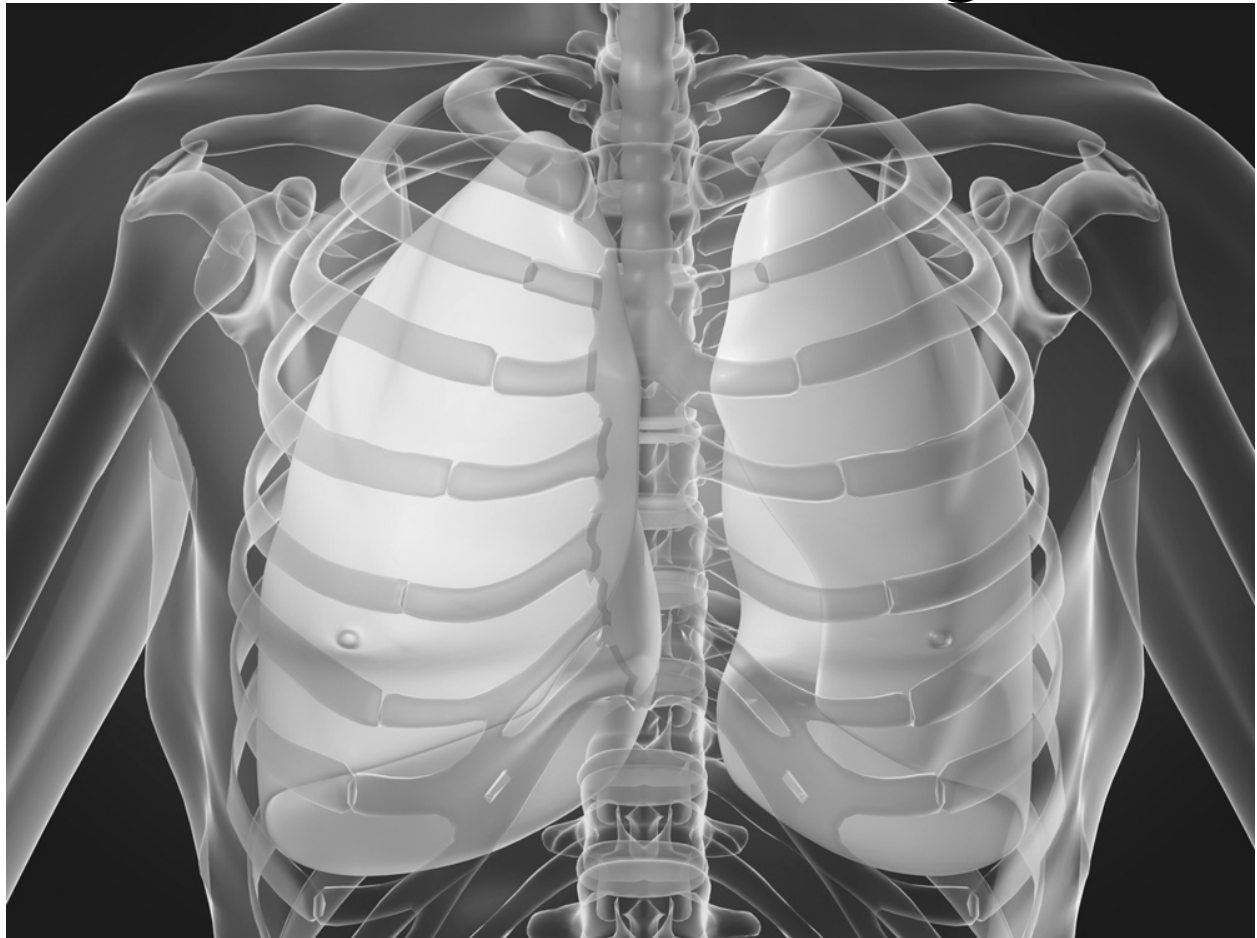




RESPIRATORY THERAPY AAS DEGREE

School of Nursing and Allied Health

Information Package



Distance Education



Dear Prospective Respiratory Therapy Student,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Respiratory Therapy Program at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. The program offers an Associate in Applied Science Degree resulting in eligibility for the CRT and RRT exams.

Registered Respiratory Therapists' care for patients with breathing abnormalities in a variety of healthcare settings, e.g., hospitals, home care, and long term care facilities. The job outlook as a therapist proves promising based on national trends and the growing need for healthcare services by America's "Baby Boomer" generation.

The Respiratory Therapy program proudly offers its courses through Distance Education to students in multiple areas across the state of Virginia. If this delivery method would be of interest to you, please contact a program representative for further details.

Your educational goals are important to us; we are here to assist you with any of your advising or educational needs. Please feel free to contact the Program Director, Nakia Austin at (804) 523-5009, the Director of Clinical Education, Kathryn Massino at (804) 523-5011 or the Distance Education Coordinator, Sherry Compton at (804) 523-5013.

We look forward to working with you as a student in the Respiratory Therapy Program,

Sincerely,

Nakia Austin, Program Director

Kathryn J. Massino, Director of Clinical Education

Sherry Compton, Distance Education Coordinator

Admissions Criteria for the Respiratory Therapy Program

These steps must be completed in this sequence.

1. Submit a JSRCC Application for Admission into the college. Admission applications can be delivered to the Success Center on any of the three campuses or submitted online at www.reynolds.edu. All applicants must declare Pre-Respiratory Therapy as their major which is identified as item #24 on the application (Plan Code 221-181-02).
2. Request official transcripts from any college attended. These must be official transcripts mailed directly from the school attended to JSRCC Admissions Office at PO Box 85622, Richmond, VA 23285-5622.
3. Set-up a course schedule with an advisor from your home institution to have completed the Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses. (All Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester in the year admission into the RT program is being applied for. Example: If you are interested in the fall, 2013 distance learning cohort, the Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses must be completed by the end of the spring, 2013 semester.)

The Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses are as follows:

English 111
Social Science Elective
Humanities Elective
BIO 141
BIO 142
SDV 100
ITE 115
Completion through MTE 6 or College Algebra
RTH 102-only offered through JSRCC
RTH 121-only offered through JSRCC

4. After meeting with an advisor at your home institution, students must contact one of the following Respiratory Therapy faculty to submit their portfolio and discuss the RT program.

Portfolio

- ❖ Application for the Respiratory Therapy Program
- ❖ Unofficial college transcripts

Sherry Compton, Coordinator of Distance Education
scompton@reynolds.edu or 804-523-5013

Nakia Austin, Program Head
naustin@reynolds.edu or 804-523-5009

Portfolio Deadline: February 1
Notification of acceptance: around May 15

Applicants will be evaluated for acceptance based on the following criteria:

1. Minimum GPA of 2.5 (Based on Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses)
 - a. Competitive Admissions will be implemented
2. Completion of the Pre-Respiratory Therapy courses

Mailing Address for Respiratory Therapy Distance Education

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
School of Nursing and Allied Health
c/o Sherry Compton
P O Box 85622
Richmond, Virginia 23285-5622

Fax # 804-786-5298

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Physical and Dental Examination Requirement:

Completion and submission of physical and dental examinations, including immunizations, is required no later than **September 1 for students accepted into the program**. You will receive these forms during the Respiratory Therapy summer orientation session required by students accepted into the program. Applicants must be free of any physical or mental condition which might adversely affect their safety and performance as a Respiratory Therapist. Validation of freedom from tuberculosis is required annually of all Respiratory Therapy students through skin testing or chest x-ray.

Functional Skills Requirement:

Students entering the Respiratory Therapy program must possess the following functional skills:

- Sufficient eyesight to observe patients, perform and visualize patient assessments, manipulate equipment, visually read patient records, graphs and test results, including color vision.
- Sufficient hearing to communicate with patient and members of the health care delivery team, monitor patients using electronic equipment, and hear necessary sounds during operation of equipment.
- Satisfactory speaking, reading and writing skills to effectively communicate in English in a timely manner
- Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to exhibit excellent eye-hand coordination and dexterity so as to manipulate equipment, lift, stoop or bend in the delivery of safe patient care.
- Satisfactory physical strength and endurance to be on one's feet for extended periods and to move heavy equipment, patients, and supplies. Sitting, walking, bending, and reaching motions are also requirements for respiratory therapists.
- Satisfactory intellectual, emotional, and psychological health and functioning to ensure patient safety and to exercise independent judgment and discretion in performing assigned

tasks. Time management of multiple priorities, multiple stimuli, and fast paced environments are also required.

- Analysis and Critical Thinking skills are necessary to be a competent, safe respiratory therapist.

Background Checks

Background checks are required of all students prior to entry into any clinical course and must be completed no later than **September 1 for students accepted into the program**. Details concerning cost and vendor use will be provided during orientation which is held every summer for students accepted into the program. **Applicants who do not pass the background check will not be allowed to enroll in any Respiratory Therapy course.**

Student Estimated Cost as of March 2012

Tuition \$129.10 per credit	\$9,300
Books and Supplies	\$850 1 st Semester \$100 per Subsequent Semester
Identification Badge	\$15.00
Uniform and shoes	\$ 150.00
Physical and Dental Examination	\$ Varies
Background Check	\$50
Self Assessment Exams	\$215
Seminar	\$275
Travel to Clinical Agencies	\$ Varies
ACLS	\$170
Total Estimated Cost	\$11,575

(Note: The above costs are approximate and are subject to change.)

Program Accreditation and Practitioner Certification: The Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835. Graduates of the AAS Program are eligible to take the CRT and RRT exams, administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care, Inc. Successful completion of the CRT exam will award the student with the CRT (Certified Respiratory Therapist) credential. This is required prior to taking the RRT exams and applying for state licensure. Successful completion of the RRT exam will award the student with the RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapist) credential.

Financial Aid

Address: J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Office of Financial Aid
PO Box 85622
Richmond, VA 23285-5622
Telephone Number: 804-523-5137/ Fax Number: 804-371-3739
Email: finaid@reynolds.edu

Pre-Respiratory Therapy Career Studies Certificate				
COURSE	TITLE	CREDITS	GRADE	
	Computer Competency Exam, ITE 115 or CSC 155			
	Completion through MTE 6 or College Algebra			
First Semester				
ENG 111	College Composition I (English 112 no longer required)	3		
BIO 141	Anatomy and Physiology I	4		
SDV 100	College Success Skills (HLT/PE course no longer required)	1		
	Social Science Elective	3		
Total		11		
Second Semester				
RTH 102	Integrated Sciences for Respiratory Care	3		
RTH 121	Cardiopulmonary Science I	3		
	Humanities Elective	3		
BIO 142	Anatomy and Physiology II	4		
Total		13		
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First Semester				
RTH 110	Fundamental Theory & Procedures for Respiratory Care	4		
RTH 135	Diagnostic Therapeutic Procedures I	2		
RTH 145	Pharmacology for Respiratory Care I	1		
Total		7		
Second Semester				
RTH 112	Pathophysiology of the Cardiopulmonary System	3		
RTH 131	Respiratory Care Theory & Procedures I	4		
RTH 190	Coordinated Internship in Respiratory Therapy-NCC I, II	4		
Total		11		
Third Semester				
RTH 132	Respiratory Care Theory & Procedures II	4		
RTH 222	Cardiopulmonary Science II	3		
RTH 190	Coordinated Internship in Respiratory Therapy-NCC Internship	2		
RTH 215	Pulmonary Rehabilitation	1		
Total		10		
Fourth Semester				
RTH 223	Cardiopulmonary Science III	2		
RTH 226	Theory of Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	2		
RTH 265	Current Issues in Respiratory Care	2		
RTH 290	Coordinated Internship in Respiratory Therapy-ACC/NPCC I,II	4		
Total		10		
Fifth Semester				
RTH 236	Cardiopulmonary Science III	3		
RTH 290	Coordinated Internship in Respiratory Therapy-ACC/NPCC III,IV	3		
Total		6		
Sixth Semester				
RTH 227	Integrated Respiratory Therapy Skills	2		
RTH 290	Coordinated Internship in Respiratory Therapy-ACC/NPCC Internship	2		
Total		4		
Total Minimum Credits for AAS Degree in Respiratory Therapy		72		

Respiratory Therapy AAS Application

NAME: _____		
Last	First	M.I./Maiden
ADDRESS: _____		Date of Birth: _____

EMPL ID#: _____		E-MAIL _____
PHONE: CELL: _____ - _____ - _____	HOME: _____ - _____ - _____	WORK: _____ - _____ - _____

	YES	NO	LIST COLLEGE TRANSFER COURSE
ENGLISH 111			
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE			
SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE			
BIO 141-ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I			
BIO 142-ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II			
COMPLETION THROUGH MTE 6 OR COLLEGE ALGEBRA			
SDV 100 (COLLEGE SUCCESS SKILLS)			
RTH -102 (INTEG. SCI. FOR RT)			
RTH -121 (CARDIOPUL. SCIENCE I)			
ITE 115 (COMPUTER APPLICATIONS AND CONCEPTS) OR PASS ASSESSMENT TEST			

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES (PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, HISTORY, GOVERNMENT POLITICAL SCIENCE OR ECONOMICS)

HUMANITIES ELECTIVES (ART 100, 101, 102, 126) (MUS 121, 122) (ASL 125, 220, 225) (SPA 233, 234) (ANY RELIGION OR PHILOSOPHY COURSE) (ENGLISH LITERATURE - IF ENG 112 IS COMPLETED)

For Administrative Purposes Only

INITIAL DATE OF CONTACT WITH STUDENT _____

COLLEGE(S) ATTENDED _____

DEGREES AWARDED _____

GPA OF PRE-RESPIRATORY THERAPY CAREER STUDIES COURSE-WORK _____