

## Technical and Vocational Programs

### A 45 72 0 Respiratory Therapy -Associate of Applied Science

(Level Three Instructional Service Agreement Between Pitt Community College and College of The Albemarle)

The Respiratory Therapy curriculum prepares individuals to function as respiratory therapists through demonstrated competence in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains of respiratory care practice. Graduates perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures with exposure to current and emerging practice settings.

Graduates will be prepared to operate within inter-professional teams and effectively communicate with clients/patients of various ages, ethnicities, and cultures. The curriculum helps students to understand their professional responsibilities and how to apply problem-solving strategies and ethical decision-making.



Graduates are eligible to complete the credentialing process through the National Board for Respiratory Care, which will qualify them for a license to practice in various healthcare settings with responsibilities for assessment, treatment, management, and education of patients with cardiopulmonary diseases.

#### **Pitt Community College's Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)**

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#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**The admission process for the Pitt CC/COA cohort Respiratory Therapy seats are for COA students only. These COA students should follow the admission process at COA and do not contact Pitt Community College until instructed to do so by the Director of Health Science Admissions. See COA's Admission Fact Sheet for details on this Respiratory Therapy Program option.**

**The COA student must be a resident of the COA service area** (Service area includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties).

The admission process for Respiratory Therapy includes the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test. Interested applicants must carefully read this testing guide in its entirety. Students who fail to follow testing instructions are not permitted to test. The link to the TEAS testing guide is: <https://pittcc.edu/academics/academic-programs/health-sciences-division/health-sciences-admissions/teas-testing-guide/>

**Students in the Pitt CC/COA designated Respiratory Therapy cohort who do not get admitted to the limited seats for this cohort are automatically entered in the applicant pool for the Pitt CC cohort in Greenville NC.**

If a student applies directly to the Pitt CC Respiratory Therapy cohort program held in Greenville NC, they are not eligible for this Pitt CC/COA designated cohort and must follow the entire admission process at Pitt CC.

Through this ISA agreement, COA students may earn General Education courses at COA for transfer and admission to the /Pitt Community College's COA cohort seats for the Respiratory Therapy program. The following General Education Courses are approved for transfer.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**All (100%) of the following general education classes must be completed at COA. Students transferring these classes from another college will not be considered for the COA/PITT CC cohort for Respiratory Therapy program admission.**

**ENG 111, BIO and MAT courses must be completed before applying. Other general education courses must be completed before the cohort starts Fall semester (see COA Admission Fact Sheet- Respiratory Therapy)**

COURSE NUMBER/ COURSE TITLE	PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES
<p><b>Select ONE from the following: (minimum of 1 semester hour required)</b></p> <p>ACA 111 College Student Success (1) <b>Or</b> ACA 122 College Transfer Success (1)</p>	Pre-Requisites: None
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry (3)	Pre-Requisites: ENG 025 or ENG 8025
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines (3)	Pre-Requisites: ENG 111
<p><b>Select ONE from the following: (minimum of 3 semester hours required)</b></p> <p>PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics (3 hrs) <b>Or</b> HUM 115 Critical Thinking (3 hrs)</p>	Varies
PSY 150 General Psychology (3 hrs) Fall, Spring, Summer	Pre-Requisites: ENG 025
<p><b>Select ONE from the following: (minimum of 5 semester hours required)</b></p> <p>BIO 163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology (5 hrs) <b>Or</b> take both BIO 168 Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (4 hrs) <b>AND</b> BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 hrs) (Total = 8 hrs)</p>	<p>Pre-Requisites for BIO 163: ENG 025 and either BIO 090 or one unit of HS Biology</p> <p>Pre-Requisites for BIO 168: ENG 025 and MAT 025, and either BIO 090 or one unit of HS Biology, and either CHM 090 or one unit of HS Chemistry</p> <p>Pre-Requisites for BIO 169: BIO 168</p>
<p><b>Select ONE from the following: (minimum of 3 semester hours required)</b></p> <p>MAT 152 Statistical Methods I (4 hrs ) <b>Or</b> MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra (4 SHC)</p>	<p>Pre-Requisites for MAT 152: ENG 025 and MAT 025</p> <p>Pre-Requisites for MAT 171: MAT 035 or MAT 110 or MAT 143 or MAT 152 with a C or higher</p>

Once admitted to the program courses, Pitt Community College Respiratory Therapy program offers a combination of online, blended, and traditional courses. All students are scheduled to attend traditional courses on campus each semester.

**Pitt CC/COA cohort Respiratory Therapy admitted students should anticipate travel to Pitt CC for RCP labs. A semester outline is provided with the scheduled lab dates. RCP Hyflex classes will be offered. COA students will attend clinical sites within the COA service area and southeast Virginia.**

**Pitt CC required Respiratory Therapy Courses: A grade of C or better is required in all courses to graduate.**

SEMESTER	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE
Fall I	RCP 110	Introduction to Respiratory Care (4)
Fall I	RCP 117	Respiratory Care Pharmacology (2)
Fall I	RCP 132	RCP Clinical Practice I (2)
Spring I	RCP 111	Therapeutics and Diagnostics (5)
Spring I	RCP 114	Cardiopulmonary A & P (3)
Spring I	RCP 123	Special Practice Lab (1)
Spring I	RCP 143	RCP Clinical Practice II (3)
Summer I	RCP 112	Patient Management (4)
Summer I	RCP 153	RCP Clinical Practice III (3)
Summer I	RCP 222	Special Practice Lab (1)
Fall II	RCP 210	Critical Care Concepts (4)
Fall II	RCP 213	Neonatal/Peds RC (2)
Fall II	RCP 223	Special Practice Lab (1)
Fall II	RCP 235	RCP Clinical Practice IV (5)
Spring II	RCP 211	Advanced Monitoring / Procedures (4)
Spring II	RCP 215	Career Preparation (1)
Spring II	RCP 246	RCP Clinical Practice V (6)

Students admitted to Pitt Community College health sciences programs are required to complete a clinical practicum. Clinical facilities may require criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship prior to or during participation in the clinical portion of a program. Any expenses associated with these requirements are the responsibility of the student. Pending the outcome, clinical facilities may deny a student the opportunity to complete the clinical portion of a program. A student who is unable to complete the clinical portion of a program will not be able to graduate. Criminal background checks, drug screenings, credit checks, professional license checks, and/or proof of US citizenship may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employment agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students admitted to health sciences programs are required to have a physical examination to determine if they are physically and emotionally capable of performing the essential functions of the program and must submit a completed medical form. A record of immunizations, including, but not limited to, an annual Influenza vaccine must be included with the medical form. A medical or religious exemption for vaccines must be approved by the clinical site(s). PCC does not grant vaccine exemptions in lieu of the clinical site(s) and does not guarantee vaccine exemptions will be approved by the clinical site(s).

Programs at PCC that prepare students for professional licensure are designed to prepare a student to apply for applicable licensure in North Carolina. In order to ensure whether the program meets requirements for professional licensure outside North Carolina, PCC recommends the student contact the program director prior to enrolling in the program.

It is the policy of PCC not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, handicap, religion, age, or national origin in the recruitment and admission of students; the recruitment, employment, training, and promotion of faculty and staff; and the operation of any of its programs and activities, as specified by federal laws and regulations. PCC is an equal opportunity institution.

Health Sciences admissions policies are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between PCC and students. PCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements at any time. Every effort will be made to minimize the inconvenience such changes create for students.