

COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

FALL 2026

ADMISSION FACT SHEET

The College of Albemarle (COA) has a partnership with Pitt Community College (PCC) Respiratory Therapy Program. Health Sciences Admission policies set forth requirements that must be met for admission. However, these policies do not create and should not be regarded as an irrevocable contract between COA/PCC and students/applicants. Satisfaction of these requirements does not guarantee admission.

The Respiratory Therapy Program has special admissions requirements. These requirements are in addition to those completed for Pitt Community College general admission. Until students complete the special admissions requirements and accepted into the PCC Respiratory Therapy Program, students will be enrolled at COA.

PHASE I: PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants seeking admission into the Respiratory Therapy program must complete the following steps by **February 1st, 2026**, to be considered for acceptance for Fall 2026 admissions.

The admission process for the COA/PCC Respiratory Therapy cohort seats are for COA students only. DO NOT CONTACT PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNTIL YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE DIRECTOR OF COA HEALTH SCIENCE ADMISSIONS.

- _____ A. **Must be a resident of the COA service area** (Service area includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties).
In addition, *all* general education classes must be completed at COA. Classes transferred from another college will not be considered for admission through COA.
- _____ B. **Complete and submit a written COA Application for Admission**, which expresses interest in the Respiratory Therapy Program, to the COA Admissions Office, Elizabeth City Campus.
Applicants must provide correct contact information to the COA Admissions Department.
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PO BOX 2327
1208 NORTH ROAD STREET
ELIZABETH CITY, NC 27906-2327
(252) 335-0821 EXT. 2281 (ADMISSIONS OFFICE)
- _____ C. **Submit official high school transcript and all official post-secondary transcripts** to the COA Admissions Office (note: must be a high school graduate or equivalent prior to the start of the program).
- _____ D. **Attendance in a Health Science Orientation Session is recommended**, for a review of the admission process. Check with the COA Admission Department or the Health Sciences Admission & Advising Director for scheduled dates and times. Online orientation can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/coahealthsciences>

- _____ E. **Achieve minimum English, Math, and Reading competencies. To qualify for the Respiratory Therapy program, the student must have completed the following coursework with a C or better.**

Required Prerequisite General Education Coursework (Must be completed at COA before applying to Respiratory Therapy)		
ENG 111	MAT 152 or Higher	BIO 163 or (BIO 168 & BIO 169)

Other Required General Education Coursework (May be in progress at COA - but must be completed before August 1 st of admission year)			
ACA 111 or ACA 122	ENG 112	HUM 115 or PHI 240	PSY 150

- _____ F. **Achieve and maintain a 3.0 minimum cumulative grade point average** The COA transcript must show a 3.0 minimum cumulative grade point average in general education coursework and other recommended courses for the Respiratory Therapy program. Only grades of "C" or better will be accepted for earning points, transfer purposes, and PCC Respiratory Therapy Program admission.

All required general education courses for Respiratory Therapy must be completed at COA.

REQUIREMENTS A, B, C, D, E and F must be met in entirety before applicants may apply for requirement G.

Once students have met criteria A-F completely, they should contact the Health Sciences Admissions Technician (Annette Roberson, AE 117, Ext 2221) for validation of requirements and to receive a validation form to take the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). ATI TEAS Validation forms will be submitted to Director of Health Science Admissions. One week after submitting ATI TEAS Validation forms, students may contact the Health Science Admissions & Advising Director (Owens Center, Office 107, Ext. 2304) who will confirm their form has been validated and at that time the applicant may select and schedule an appointment to take the ATI TEAS. Applicants seeking reasonable accommodations based on a disability, must request accommodations from the Director of Disabilities Support Services and notify the ATI TEAS testing proctor in writing two weeks prior to taking the test.

Students must provide proof of payment from the business office with the validation form to take the ATI TEAS and is due at time of validation of pre-admission criteria. Students who do not provide proof of payment with the validation form will not be allowed to schedule a time for the ATI TEAS.

Note: High school students must be in their senior year to qualify to take the TEAS.

_____ **G. TEAS EXAM.** The exam must be taken through COA. Applicants can take the TEAS exam twice a year. Exams must be taken at a minimum of 30 days apart. The highest score is used for points. No minimum total score is required to apply to the PCC Respiratory Therapy Program. However, applicants will be awarded points towards admission based on the total scored earned.

Applicants compete for admission based on the sum of quality points earned from the TEAS exam and prerequisite general education courses. TEAS points are awarded based on the highest total score earned: total score of 90% and 100% earns 20 points, between 76% and 89% earns 12 points, between 58% and 75% earns 6 points, between 40% and 57% earns 2 points, below 40% earns 0 points.

PHASE II: RESPIRATORY THERAPY APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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_____ **H.** Once students have met all preadmission criteria A, B, C, D, E, F and G, students will become applicants for the COA/PCC Respiratory Therapy Program. The Director of Health Science Admissions will confirm the application is complete and notify applicants via face to face or email.

Only those students who have completed the application process in its entirety will be considered for the ranking process. Applicants must have all documents submitted to the COA Health Science Admissions and Advising Director's office (Owens Center, Office 107) **by 4 p.m. on February 1st.** Late applications will NOT be accepted for any reason.

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****** ONCE REFERRED BY THE COA DIRECTOR TO APPLY TO PITT CC- BE SURE TO FOLLOW ALL PITT CC GENERAL ADMISSION PROCESSES - AS WELL AS THEIR HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING: STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HEALTH SCIENCES APPLICATION for Respiratory Therapy ONLINE BY FEBRUARY 15 IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE COHORT.**

NOTE: ALL COA CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ADMISSIONS TO PROGRAMS WILL BE SENT THROUGH YOUR COA EMAIL ADDRESS. BE SURE TO LIST YOUR COA EMAIL ACCURATELY AND TO CHECK YOUR COA EMAIL FREQUENTLY DURING THE ADMISSION PERIOD.

Pitt CC Respiratory Therapy Admissions and Curriculum :

The final selection process is completed by Pitt CC. You must be formally admitted to the Pitt CC Respiratory Therapy Program to take the RCP courses.

Once you have applied to Pitt CC – be sure to check your Pitt CC email address frequently during the admission period.

Pitt CC Health Science Admissions Contact Info:

Email: hltscadm@email.pittcc.edu Phone: 252-493-7473

Once accepted into the COA/PCC Respiratory Therapy Program, students can expect to travel to PCC 1 – 2 days per week for lab. Classes will be offered as Hy-Flex, Blended, Hybrid or entirely online and clinical sites will be within the COA service area.

Semester Offered	Course	Title	Credit Hours
1st Year Fall Semester			
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
1st Year Spring Semester			
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
1st Year Summer Semester			
Summer I	RCP 112	Patient Management	4
Summer I	RCP 153	RCP Clinical Practice III	3
Summer I	RCP 222	Special Practice Lab	1
2nd Year Fall Semester			
Fall II	RCP 210	Critical Care Concepts	4
Fall II	RCP 213	Neonatal/Peds Concepts	2
Fall II	RCP 223	Special Practice Lab	1
Fall II	RCP 235	RCP Clinical Practice IV	5
2nd Year Spring			
Spring II	RCP 211	Advanced Monitoring/Procedures	4
Spring II	RCP 215	Career Preparation	1
Spring II	RCP 246	RCP Clinical Practice V	6
Total RAD Credit Hours			51