

RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECHNOLOGY - A.A.S.

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Examples of Possible Careers*

Respiratory therapists

- 19.4% much faster than the average
- 135,800 number of jobs
- \$62,810 potential earnings

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Fully Offered

- Ashtabula Campus

***Note**

Source of occupation titles and labor data is from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Description

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy Technology provides students the skills to evaluate, treat and care for patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Practicing under the direction of a physician, respiratory therapists assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care therapeutic treatments and diagnostic procedures. Respiratory therapists also provide complex therapy requiring considerable independent judgment, such as caring for patients on life support in intensive-care units of hospitals.

Graduates of the program are eligible to take national credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care to become Certified and Registered Respiratory Therapists (CRT, RRT), Certified and Registered Pulmonary Function Technologists (CPFT, RPFT) and Neonatal Pediatric Specialist (NPS).

Accreditation

The A.A.S. degree in Respiratory Therapy Technology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Twinsburg Academic Center, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of respiratory care principles, current theories and practices required of registered respiratory therapists as defined by the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC)
2. Exhibit, professionally and fluently, technical skills and procedures utilized in current practice by registered respiratory therapists
3. Express personal professional ethics and behaviors expected of registered respiratory therapists in practice to obtain and maintain a positive impact in patient care and inter-staff relations

Professional Licensure Disclosure

This program is designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure or certification and contact information for state licensing boards at Kent State's website for professional licensure disclosure.

University Requirements

All students in an applied or technical associate degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
	Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
	Kent Core (see table below)	15
	Total Credit Hour Requirement	60

Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA)	3
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS)	3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB)	3
Total Credit Hours:	15

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)		
RTT 10000	INTRODUCTION TO RESPIRATORY THERAPY	4
RTT 11003	APPLICATION AND MECHANISMS OF CARDIOPULMONARY ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	3
RTT 11004	THERAPEUTICS	6
RTT 11008	BLOOD GAS ANALYSIS	2
RTT 21000	CRITICAL CARE	4
RTT 21001	MECHANICAL VENTILATION	5
RTT 21003	PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY THERAPY	2
RTT 21004	ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS	3
RTT 21006	PULMONARY REHABILITATION AND CONTINUING CARE	1
RTT 21013	RESPIRATORY THERAPY CAPSTONE	2
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)		
AHS 12000 or RTT 11001	BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PHARMACOLOGY RESPIRATORY CARE PHARMACOLOGY	2
BSCI 11010 or BSCI 21010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) ¹ ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3-4
BSCI 11020 or BSCI 21020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) ¹ ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	3-4
BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	3-4
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
RTT 11002	CARDIOPULMONARY DISEASES	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Chemistry Elective, choose from the following:		3-4
CHEM 10050	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY (KBS)	
CHEM 10055	MOLECULES OF LIFE (KBS)	
CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	
CHEM 10061	GENERAL CHEMISTRY II (KBS)	
COMM 20001 or COMM 26501	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH COMMUNICATION	3
Kent Core Composition		3
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts		3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		65

¹ Students who have successfully completed ATTR 25057 and ATTR 25058 (or EXSC 25057 and EXSC 25058) may use those courses in place of BSCI 11010 and BSCI 11020 (or BSCI 21010 and BSCI 21020).

Progression Requirements

To be able to register for respiratory care (RTT) courses, students must be accepted to technical study. Acceptance is a selective process. Criteria for acceptance are the following:

- Minimum 2.700 overall GPA
- Completion, or placement out, of MATH 00022 (or equivalent)
- Completion of required first anatomy and physiology course with minimum C grade: BSCI 11010 or BSCI 21010 (or equivalent)
- Completion of required chemistry course with minimum C grade: CHEM 10050 or CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060 or CHEM 10061 (or equivalent)
- Completion of four hours of job shadowing experience

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
BSCI 11010 or BSCI 21010	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) or ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	3-4
! RTT 10000	INTRODUCTION TO RESPIRATORY THERAPY	4
! RTT 11003	APPLICATION AND MECHANISMS OF CARDIOPULMONARY ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Chemistry Elective		3-4
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
BSCI 11020 or BSCI 21020	FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) or ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	3-4
BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY or GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		9
Semester Three		
AHS 12000 or RTT 11001	BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PHARMACOLOGY or RESPIRATORY CARE PHARMACOLOGY	2
! RTT 11002	CARDIOPULMONARY DISEASES	3
! RTT 11004	THERAPEUTICS	6
! RTT 11008	BLOOD GAS ANALYSIS	2
Credit Hours		13
Semester Four		
! RTT 21001	MECHANICAL VENTILATION	5
! RTT 21003	PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY THERAPY	2
! RTT 21004	ADVANCED DIAGNOSTICS	3

Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		13
Semester Five		
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
! RTT 21000	CRITICAL CARE	4
Credit Hours		7
Semester Six		
COMM 20001 or COMM 26501	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION or INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH COMMUNICATION	3
! RTT 21006	PULMONARY REHABILITATION AND CONTINUING CARE	1
! RTT 21013	RESPIRATORY THERAPY CAPSTONE	2
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		9
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		65