RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECHNOLOGY - A.A.S.

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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).

Fully Offered At:
• Ashtabula Campus

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 Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, 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.

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.

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<td>Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.</td>
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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

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<td>RESPIRATORY THERAPY CAPSTONE</td>
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Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA; min C grade required in all courses)

- AHS 12000 | BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PHARMACOLOGY | 2 |
- or RTT 11001 | RESPIRATORY CARE PHARMACOLOGY |
- BSCI 11010 | FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) | 3-4 |
- or BSCI 21010 | ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) |
- BSCI 11020 | FOUNDATIONAL ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (KBS) (KLAB) | 3-4 |
- or BSCI 21020 | ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II |
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 2.000
Minimum Overall GPA 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.