About This Program
Make a difference in patients’ lives with Kent State’s Respiratory Care Bachelor of Science program. Our comprehensive curriculum prepares you with the skills needed to provide quality respiratory care services. Enroll now and start your journey toward a fulfilling career in healthcare. Read more...

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Program Delivery
- Delivery: Fully online

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*
Respiratory therapists
- 19.4% much faster than the average
- 135,800 number of jobs
- $62,810 potential earnings

Accreditation
Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)
* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes 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.

Admission Requirements
Admission to the Respiratory Care major is selective. Applicants must hold an active credential for certified respiratory therapist (CRT) or registered respiratory therapist (RRT) and an entry-level degree from an accredited respiratory therapy/care program with a minimum 2.000 overall GPA.

Applicants who are actively enrolled and in good standing in the second year of an accredited entry-level associate degree in respiratory therapy/care or are actively enrolled and in good standing in the third year of an accredited entry-level bachelor’s degree in respiratory therapy/care may be conditionally enrolled in the program.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.
Progression Requirements

To be able to register for Respiratory Care (RSPC) courses, students must be admitted to professional study. Admission is a selective process. Criteria for admission into professional study are the following:

- Evidence of an earned accredited entry-level associate degree in respiratory therapy/care or accredited entry-level bachelor’s degree in respiratory therapy/care
- Evidence of earned RRT credential
- Evidence of current active license to practice respiratory therapy

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA
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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.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor’s 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.

Kent Core Requirements

| Kent Core Composition (KCMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| **Total Credit Hours:** | **36-37** |

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate effective written, oral and visual communication skills by presenting arguments, recommendations and research with relevant sources used for support with proper citation.
2. Use research methodology and critical inquiry to formulate research questions, search for relevant literature, critically evaluate literature to determine quality, synthesize available literature and write a research project proposal.
3. Utilize research and theories of teaching and learning to produce educational materials for patients, families and healthcare professionals.
4. Analyze contemporary issues and evidence-based practices in respiratory care, and demonstrate the ability to identify the impact on professional practice and the ability to advocate for patients through ethical and current best practices.

5. Explore the principles of inter-professional collaboration and leadership to identify how teams come together to improve the knowledge of the team and create innovations for advancement of the field and improvements in patient outcomes.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Care is a completer program designed to prepare qualified respiratory therapists with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop professionalism and advance their careers in the areas of leadership, management, education, research, disease and sleep medicine utilizing best practices in order to advance the practice of respiratory care.