

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER PATHWAY



LEARN IN TCC'S STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES AND ON THE JOB.

If you have a passion for helping others and want to be in a growing field with a balanced blend of technology and patient interaction, consider becoming a respiratory therapist at Tidewater Community College.

You will learn in a state-of-the-art, high-fidelity simulation laboratory and classroom that allows students to make critical decisions and develop their problem-solving ability with immediate feedback from faculty.

As part of their training, students have clinical rotations in every major health system in Hampton Roads, including Sentara Health System, Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, Bon Secours Health System, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Riverside Regional Health System, and Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital.

Respiratory therapists are in high-demand with associate degree graduates earning a median of \$62,581, according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics. And each of TCC's spring 2019 graduates found employment—most receiving offers prior to completion of the program.

PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Complete in as few as 7 semesters / 67 credits

The curriculum focuses on the patient assessment and treatment of premature infants to geriatric patients with cardiopulmonary diseases and disorders. Respiratory therapy students concentrate their efforts in the critical care setting with an emphasis on hands-on experience in mechanical ventilation, drug administration and equipment and procedures, in a state of the art simulation lab and clinical rotations that prepare them for handling major life-threatening illnesses and trauma situations.

SELECTIVE ADMISSION

To qualify for this competitive program, you will need to apply to TCC and indicate that you intend to pursue Respiratory Therapy, then complete and submit the Health Professions Program Application by January 15 for summer admission. Mandatory information sessions, are held the third Thursday of each month (except December) at 3 pm at the Regional Health Professions Center on the Virginia Beach Campus.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the respiratory therapy program.

TCC FAST FACT

TCC'S PROGRAM HAS AN ALMOST 100% PASS RATE ON THE REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPY EXAM FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

You may find immediate employment working as a respiratory therapist following completion of the program.

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

Yes, if you:

- have excellent communication skills
- enjoy working with patients
- don't mind working on your feet

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Regional Health Professions Center in Virginia Beach, VA

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