**RT Admission Requirements**

- Completion of all general education requirements with a grade of C (70) or better (ENG 101, SPH Elective, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201 & BIO 202 [must be taken within last 5 years], HUM and Fine Arts Elective, PSY 200) before applying for admission to the program. (*HUM /Fine Arts and PSY 200 may be completed after acceptance to the program, but it is strongly encouraged they be completed prior to starting in the fall.)

- Submit all official college transcripts from each college previously attended to JSCC Office of Enrollment Services Admissions & Records. Official transcripts must be on file by the deadline.

- Student must possess a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or greater on a 4.0 scale.

- ACT composite score of 18 or higher (National or Residual) or SAT score of 940 or higher. Official score must be on file in the JSCC Office of Enrollment Services Admissions & Records by the deadline.

- Not a requirement for admission, however, all students admitted to the program must submit to a drug screening and background check and provide other required documentation (current CPR Certification {at the Provider level}, Health/Hospitalization Insurance, Liability Insurance, Immunizations, etc.) Applicants with a history of criminal arrest or convictions should discuss the matter with the director.

- Complete the Respiratory Therapy (RPT) Observation form (optional). See instructions.

- Once admitted, student must attend a MANDATORY Orientation. Date and time to be determined.

**Important Dates**

See the Respiratory website for enrollment information and application deadlines.

[www.jeffersonstate.edu/rt](http://www.jeffersonstate.edu/rt)

Submit the packet in its entirety, including observation form(s), to JSCC’s Office of Enrollment Services Admissions & Records on-line. Also, it is important to keep in mind that Respiratory Therapy admits a maximum of 40 new applicants once a year, during the fall term.

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Why Respiratory Therapy?

Respiratory Therapists care for people with breathing disorders. They work with premature infants with underdeveloped lungs, patients who have had heart attacks or strokes and patients who have chronic diseases like asthma or emphysema.

The scope of responsibilities ranges from patient education to the performance of emergency life-sustaining procedures. Respiratory therapists work closely with nurses and physicians in devising and implementing patient care plans. The demand for the services of the respiratory therapist remains great.

At Jefferson State Community College, the Respiratory Therapy Program is a one-year associate degree program. Our main purpose when educating our students is to shape them into well-rounded registry-level respiratory therapists and industry healthcare leaders, by offering a comprehensive didactic, laboratory and clinical curriculum following the accreditation requirements of CoARC. After graduation our mission is to make sure our students are highly trained and ready for the workforce.

Your Future is So Bright!

According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics the median annual wage for respiratory therapists is between $39,800 and $61,330. Employment opportunities are projected to grow 19% from 2020 – 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Growth in the middle-aged and older population will lead to an increased incidence of respiratory conditions such as pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and other disorders that can permanently damage the lungs or restrict lung function.

Need More Info?
We want to help!

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Standard Associate Degree Respiratory Therapy Curriculum

First Semester
RPT 210 Clinical Practice I 2
RPT 211 Introduction to Respiratory Care 2
RPT 212 Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I (Lab 2:1) 4
RPT 213 Anatomy & Physiology for the RCP 3
RPT 214 Pharmacology for the RCP 2
*Humanities and Fine Arts Elective (AHUM) 3
Total First Semester 16 hrs.

Second Semester
RPT 220 Clinical Practice II 2
RPT 221 Pathology for the RCP I 3
RPT 222 Fundamentals of Respiratory Care II 4
RPT 223 Acid Base Regulation and Arterial Blood Gas Analysis 2
RPT 254 Patient Assessment Techniques 2
*PSY 200 General Psychology 3
Total Second Semester 16 hrs.

Third Semester
RPT 230 Clinical Practice III 2
RPT 231 Pathology for the RCP II 3
RPT 234 Mechanical Ventilation for the RCP 4
RPT 242 Perinatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care 3
RPT 244 Critical Care Considerations for RCP 2
Total Third Semester 14 hrs.

Fourth Semester
RPT 232 Diagnostic Procedures for the RCP 2
RPT 233 Special Procedure for the RCP 2
RPT 240 Clinical Practice IV 4
RPT 241 Pulmonary Rehabilitation & Home Care 2
RPT 243 Computer Applications for the RCP 2
RPT 266 Seminar in Respiratory Medicine I RPT 1
Total Fourth Semester 13 hrs.