

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

If you enjoy helping people, Respiratory Therapy may be a field for you. As a respiratory therapy student, you will learn about the heart and lungs, and how those organs affect the rest of the body. You will learn how to care for those suffering from heart attacks, cardiac disorders, strokes, overdoses, car accidents, trauma, asthma, COPD, Cystic Fibrosis, and patients who have just gone through surgery, as well as many other disease processes.

Credits Required: 76

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Requirements

Students interested in the Respiratory Therapy Program are admitted to Labette Community College on the same basis as other students, but admission to the college does not ensure admission into the Respiratory Therapy Program. Students may request an Application packet by contacting the Health Science Programs' Assistant at (620) 421-6700 ext. 1157 or by email at hannahj@labette.edu.

Student Organization

Respiratory Therapy Club

After Graduation

With a degree in respiratory therapy from LCC, you can specialize in neonatal, pediatric, or general respiratory therapy. Most respiratory therapists choose to work in the hospital setting where you can diagnose cardiopulmonary disorders and consult with physicians to recommend treatment options. Those working in the hospital may work as a staff therapists, supervisor, or even hospital administration and the highest levels of management.

Some respiratory therapists choose to work in home care and provide respiratory services and patient education on an ongoing basis to patients in their own home.

Some respiratory therapists find jobs with pharmaceutical or manufacturing companies as marketing specialists. Companies appreciate the technical knowledge and patient care experience respiratory therapists bring into their positions.

If you enjoy teaching, you can have a successful career as a respiratory therapy instructor or clinical educator within the school or hospital setting.

Most respiratory therapists continue their education to earn at least a bachelor's degree. Some respiratory therapists continue their education at LCC to earn a certificate in Sonography. Others may continue their education to become a Physician's Assistant or Pulmonologist." The Respiratory Therapy Department wants to help you reach your goals.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase 12 percent nationally through the year 2024.* Increases in the number of older Americans who suffer from respiratory ailments, and advances in the treatment of victims of heart attacks, accidents victims and premature infants – many of whom are dependent on a ventilator during part of their treatment – will increase the demand for the services of respiratory therapists.

Concentration Requirements 51

<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	101	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	102	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	105	Respiratory Care Pharmacology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	107	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	109	Clinical Practice I	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	110	Clinical Practice II	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	113	Pediatric Respiratory Care	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	115	Introduction to Mechanical Ventilation	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	148	Respiratory Comprehensive Review	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	153	CRT Review	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	158	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I Lab	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	160	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care II Lab	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	161	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care III Lab	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	203	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care III	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	205	Respiratory Diseases	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	207	Critical Care Medicine	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	211	Clinical Practice III	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	212	Respiratory Care Professional Forum	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	RESP	213	Respiratory Care Topics & Procedures	3

General Education Requirements 25

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL	130	Anatomy & Physiology	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL	201	Microbiology	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	BUAD	110	Business Communications <i>or</i>	
	ENGL	102	English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	101	English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH	115	College Algebra	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTEC	124	Medical Terminology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC	101	General Psychology <i>or</i>	
	PSYC	201	Developmental Psychology	3

Accreditation

Labette Community College Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care and has a current Continuing Accreditation Status.

Recommended Course Sequence

<http://www.labette.edu/catalog/degrees/LCC-Respiratory-Therapy.pdf>

Courses designated as Physical Science, Natural Science, Humanities, Social Behavioral and General Education electives can be found on page 82.

Placement Tests or pre-requisites are required for English Composition I, Math courses and most General Education Electives. See page 31 for complete Placement information.

All first-time, full-time students with fewer than 15 credit hours after high school graduation are required to enroll in the College Success Skills course during their first semester.

Some courses are not offer each semester. Always make an appointment with your major advisor to enroll each semester.