

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM

All applicants for the Respiratory Therapy Program must fully meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be 18 years of age by June 1 of the current year.
2. Submit a high school or GED transcript (even if you are a college transfer student).
3. Submit any transferring college transcripts, if applicable.
4. Provide proof of two immunizations against measles and rubella as mandated by Arkansas state law.
5. Must have completed all 30 semester hours of the General Education prerequisite courses for entry into the Respiratory Therapy Program. For a listing of those courses, see the Respiratory Therapy website or get a degree plan from the advising center.
6. Take the COMPASS pre-algebra math exam and attain at least a minimum score set of 63.
7. Current Pulaski Technical College students should complete the **Request for Respiratory Therapy Admission** form.
8. **If accepted**, applicant must have a physical examination to include a TB skin test before admission to the College.
9. Must provide a criminal background check from a PTC approved agency with “**clear**” in all areas evaluated; must complete a drug screen from a PTC approved drug screening lab.

Starting and Ending Dates: Classes will start in June of each year and end in May of the following year.

Class Schedule: Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. except on clinical days which are 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuition: Approx. \$4,459 for 12 Months. **Fees, Books and Supplies:** Approx. \$2,994.00

Training Location: Pulaski Technical College
3000 West Scenic Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Hospital Affiliates:

Baptist Health Medical Center- LR	Baptist Health Medical Center – NLR	Conway Regional Health Center
Saline Memorial Hospital	National Park Medical Center	North Metro Medical Center
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences		St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center
White County Medical Center	Select Specialty Hospital - SVI	
Arkansas Heart Hospital	St. Vincent Infirmary Med. Ctr.-North	

Instructors: **Jim Davis, B.S., RRT, Program Director, Phone: 501-812-2223**
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Applicants should send official high school and college transcripts to Pulaski Technical College, Office of Admissions, 3000 West Scenic Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118.

All documentation required for application to the Respiratory Therapy program must be submitted no later than the deadline for application submission (April 15th).

*** APPLICANT INFORMATION***

We at Pulaski Technical College are pleased that you are interested in entering the health profession and have chosen Respiratory Therapy.

The following is information that all applicants should understand. This information will help prevent problems that may arise during the application and instructional processes.

1. There should be a genuine caring for people and their well-being.
2. Good health is essential due to the frequency of exposure to infectious diseases. **IF ACCEPTED** into the program, a physical examination is required. A doctor's statement is required for all chronic physical or emotional problems to indicate capability. You must be able to independently lift or move 70 pounds.
3. Respiratory Therapy is a stressful occupation.
4. The studies are strenuous and testing is done frequently.
5. There should be general, family support for your educational pursuit.
6. Pulaski Technical College does not provide free childcare. Childcare is the responsibility of the student. Children may not attend Pulaski Technical College Respiratory Therapy classes.
7. Transportation is the responsibility of each student. Students must have transportation to all clinical facilities to which they are assigned.
8. There are Twelve (12) hospitals affiliated with the Respiratory Therapist program: 5 in Little Rock; 2 in North Little Rock; 1 in Benton; 1 in Jacksonville; 1 in Conway; 1 in Searcy; and 1 in Hot Springs.
9. Cell phones must be turned off during classroom and laboratory instruction; they are not allowed in clinical affiliate hospitals.
10. There is no placement guarantee after graduation.
11. It will be required of you to take the COMPASS test, Pre-Algebra Exam at PTC to demonstrate your actual basic Math skills.
12. If the applicant pool exceeds the number of available positions in the program, the cumulative GPA of previous college work will be used as the deciding selection criteria.

We hope that this information is helpful. We will be glad to answer any further questions that you may have.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY INFORMATION

All documentation required for application to the Respiratory Therapy program should be submitted by April 15th to be eligible for consideration for the Fall class.

IS RESPIRATORY THERAPY FOR ME?

We suggest that you visit one or two hospitals and spend some time with respiratory therapists. Most departments will allow you to visit by appointment. You are always welcome to visit the college. The Respiratory Therapy Program offices and classrooms are located on the 2nd floor of the PTC Allied Health Education Building.

WHAT IS RESPIRATORY THERAPY?

Respiratory Therapy is a patient care field which deals primarily with patients who have respiratory problems. However, professional opportunities are constantly increasing, and many areas of respiratory care are becoming specialized. Some examples of specialty areas in Respiratory Therapy are: pulmonary function testing, stress test, arterial blood gases, electrocardiograms (ECG's), neonatal transport and intensive care, cardiovascular intensive care, respiratory intensive care, medical intensive care, administration, classroom instruction, clinical instruction, medical equipment and homecare, rehabilitation, and polysomnography (sleep studies). The respiratory therapist must be able to independently move and/or lift approximately 70 pounds.

WHAT SCHOOLS ARE AVAILABLE?

Pulaski Technical College offers a A.A.S. Respiratory Therapy program in the Little Rock area. UAMS, in Little Rock, has two-year and four-year Respiratory Therapy programs. University of Arkansas at Hope, Black River Technical College in Pocahontas, Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville, and AHEC in Pine Bluff also offer Respiratory Therapy programs.

WHAT IS A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST?

A respiratory therapist is a person who has at least an AAS degree including one year of specialized training in the respiratory care field. The RRT credential is a national credential earned by taking computer-generated examinations. Completion of Pulaski Technical College's Respiratory Therapy program does not guarantee passing the NBRC Advanced RRT Examinations. It is highly recommended that all applicants go to the following website to learn about the profession, job requirements and employment opportunities: http://www.aarc.org/career/be_an_rt/.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM
PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PROGRAM COSTS
(12 MONTHS AFTER FINISHING REQUIRED GEN ED)

SEMESTER I:	SUMMER I EXTENDED	
	Tuition & Fees: 10 Credit Hours.....	\$910.00
	Books	450.00
	Uniforms (2 tops, 2 pants, 1 lab coat, 1 stethoscope, etc.)	200.00
	Calculator.....	25.00
	Watch w/second hand	30.00
	RT Program Fee.....	50.00
	AARC Dues.....	75.00
		\$1,740.00
SEMESTER II:	FALL	
	Tuition: 19 Credit Hours.....	\$1,729.00
	Gasoline to clinicals (3 days a week).....	847.00
		\$2,576.00
SEMESTER III:	SPRING	
	Tuition: 20 Credit Hours.....	\$1,820.00
	Gasoline to clinicals (3 days a week).....	847.00
	RT Program Fee	250.00
	NBRC Exam Fee	220.00
		\$3,137.00

APPROXIMATE TOTAL PROGRAM COSTS:

SEMESTER I	-	\$1,740.00
SEMESTER II	-	\$2,576.00
SEMESTER III	-	\$3,137.00
		\$7,453.00

**GASOLINE COSTS FIGURED AT: 60 MILES/DAY X NUMBER OF CLINICAL DAYS - 17 MILES/GALLON

*****YOUR LAB COATS, SCRUB UNIFORMS, EYE PROTECTOR, AND STETHOSCOPE KIT WILL BE PURCHASED BY YOU AT A UNIFORM SHOP OF YOUR CHOICE. SCRUBS WILL BE CEIL (Sky) BLUE; LAB COATS WILL BE SPECIFICALLY LANDAU, STYLE 3155 FOR FEMALES AND 3163 FOR MALES. THE ESTIMATED COST IS \$200.00.**

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Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy Degree Plan

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

If transfer course, write in course title, dept. and number next to PTC course name.

General Education (30 semester hours)			SEMESTER	CREDITS AT PTC	HOURS EARNED BY TRANSFER	TRANSFER COLLEGE	NEEDED FOR GRADUATION
ENGLISH COMPOSITION - 6 credit hours							
ENGL	1311	English Composition I					
ENGL	1312	English Composition II					
SPEECH – 3 credit hours							
SPCH	1300	Speech Communications					
SCIENCE – 12 credit hours							
PHYS	1402	College Physics I (with lab)					
BIOL	2401	Microbiology (with lab)					
CHEM	1403	Fundamentals of Chemistry I					
CHEM	1405	OR General Chemistry I (with lab)					
MATHEMATICS – 3 credit hours							
MATH	1302	College Algebra					
SOCIAL SCIENCES – 3 credit hours (Circle one)							
PSYC	2300	Psychology and the Human Experience					
SOCI	2300	OR Introduction to Sociology					
RELATED BUSINESS CLASS - 3 credit hours							
CIS	1103	Computer Concepts*					

Professional Core (49 semester hours) **			SEMESTER	CREDITS AT PTC	HOURS EARNED BY TRANSFER	TRANSFER COLLEGE	NEEDED FOR GRADUATION
RESPIRATORY THERAPY CORE– 49 credit hours							
RES	1105	Basic Sciences		5			
RES	1205	Non-Critical Care		5			
RES	1309	Clinical Practicum I		9			
RES	1403	Mechanical Ventilation I		3			
RES	1503	Anatomy and Physiology		3			
RES	1603	Critical Care		3			
RES	1801	Internal Medicine I		1			
RES	2103	Mechanical Ventilation II		3			
RES	2203	Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care		3			
RES	2309	Clinical Practicum II		9			
RES	2403	Cardiopulmonary Diagnostic Testing		3			
RES	2502	Internal Medicine II		2			
Total Transfer Hours Awarded							
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Transfer Colleges:							

* Enrollment for the professional core is limited. Students are selected through a formal acceptance process.

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