Program Overview

The Stratford Campus Program is a joint venture with seven community colleges: Atlantic-Cape Community College, Burlington County College, Camden County College, Cumberland County College, Gloucester County College, Ocean County College and Salem Community College.

The general education and science requirements for the program are completed at the enrolling college. The curriculum is designed to permit the student to enroll for general education and science courses at his/her respective college. Selected students enroll for the second year of the program on the University’s Stratford Campus. Students matriculate on a full-time basis. Some courses are delivered via the Internet and a second bachelor’s degree is available. Contact the program director for details.

The professional phase of the respiratory therapy portion of the curriculum is quite rigorous. Success in this program is achieved through intensive studying, a high level of motivation and minimal external distractions.

Program Description

Respiratory therapists give medical gases, administer aerosolized drugs, deliver bronchial hygiene therapy, and assist with resuscitation. Respiratory therapists are responsible for inserting and maintaining artificial airways and overseeing the management of critically ill patients in need of artificial life support. Respiratory therapists also provide pulmonary rehabilitation and help educate patients, family members and the public at large regarding the management and prevention of lung diseases.
**Full-time and Part-time status**
Students can complete this program in two years on a full-time basis or over a longer time-frame on a part-time basis. See the program curriculum for more details at the link listed below.

**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under Primary Care department/Stratford campus.

[http://profiles.umdnj.edu/shrp/index.cfm](http://profiles.umdnj.edu/shrp/index.cfm)

**Primary Campus Location**
The program is based in Stratford.

**Curriculum**
See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program at:

[http://coursecatalog.umdnj.edu/](http://coursecatalog.umdnj.edu/)

**Mission/Goals/Objectives**
To educate competent advanced-level respiratory therapists with cognitive ability, clinical skills and professional abilities to practice safe and effective respiratory therapy

**Major Clinical Partners Affiliates**
- Atlanticare Regional Medical Center, Atlantic City, NJ
- Cape Regional Medical Center, Cape May Court House, NJ
- Cooper Hospital/University Medical Center, Camden, NJ
- Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
- Inspira Health Network, Vineland, NJ
- Kennedy Health Systems, Turnersville, NJ
- Kennedy Health Systems, Stratford, NJ
- Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Camden, NJ
- Virtua Health System, Voorhees, NJ

**Accreditation Status**
The UMDNJ-SHRP Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([CoARC](http://www.coarc.com)). Graduates are eligible for both the entry-level licensure/ CRT examination (required by the State of New Jersey) and the advanced practice RRT examinations, both offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care ([NBRC](http://www.nbrc.org)).
**Date of accreditation:** Reaccredited in 2009 through 2019.

**Admissions requirements**

Students desiring admissions to the program apply directly to the program upon completing general education classes at their county/community college. Applicants must hold a high school diploma or GED certificate and meet all admission requirements of the community college which they apply from. Students seeking admission to the program with a baccalaureate degree should contact the program director for further information.

Because enrollment in the program is limited, admission to the professional course sequence is competitive. Deadline for applications is May 15th.

For further information and an application for admission, please contact the program directly at 856-566-2891:

**G.P.A. minimum requirement/credentialing requirement**

To be eligible for the professional course sequence, a student must complete at least 34 credits of course work at their community college, including the English and mathematics requirements, and all science courses. In addition, the student should be Science GPA 3.0 and overall GPA 2.75 prior to admission. Matriculants are selected by the program from those meeting these minimum standards.

**For more information**

For more information contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (973) 972-5336.

**For more specific information contact the program at:**

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