Program Overview

Students eligible for this degree option have previously completed their Bachelor of Science degree from a regionally accredited U.S. College or University, and apply directly to Rutgers, School of Health-Related Professions (SHRP) for admission into the program. BS degrees from foreign educational institutions are NOT acceptable for this option.

This program option is offered by both respiratory programs (North and South). The Respiratory Care Program-North (Newark campus) offers a part-time degree option. Graduates from both programs receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers, and are eligible to walk in commencement ceremonies. Graduates are eligible to take credentialing examinations offered by the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC) and to apply for Licensing in New Jersey and other states.

*Note: This bachelors’ degree option is not intended for those who have already obtained an Associate of Science degree in respiratory care at an accredited US college/university.

Program description

Respiratory Therapists are health care specialists who participate in the diagnosis, treatment, management, education, and preventive care of patients with disorders of the cardiopulmonary system. Some of their primary responsibilities include oxygen therapy, humidification and aerosol therapy, drug administration, bronchial hygiene, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, maintenance of artificial airways, and ventilator management. Their care extends to patients in hospitals on medical and surgical wards, emergency rooms, neonatal, adult and cardiac intensive care units, and outpatient departments. Respiratory therapy may also be provided in patient’s homes, in rehabilitative centers, in nursing homes, as well as other health care facilities such as long-term acute care units (LTACs). Job opportunities are also available in education, research, hospital administration and medical equipment management.
The applicant must provide documentation of a bachelor’s degree with prerequisites in anatomy and physiology, microbiology and chemistry. Students may matriculate on a full or part-time basis. Online courses are a required part of the curriculum.

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.

**Full-time and Part-time status**

Students enrolled in the Second bachelor’s degree option in the Respiratory Care Program-North (Newark campus) may complete this program in one year on a full-time basis or over a longer period on a part-time basis. See the program curriculum for more details. Students with substantial personal obligations are strongly encouraged to select the part-time track. See specific campus for application deadline dates.

**Department Faculty**

Please see the department faculty under Primary Care department for the Newark and South campuses.

**Curriculum**

See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program.

**Mission/Goals/Objectives**

The Program mission is to prepare students as competent, safe, advanced-level Respiratory Therapists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains as defined and described by the National Board of Respiratory Care, (NBRC) the American Association of Respiratory Care, (AARC) and the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

**Major Clinical/Academic Partners/Affiliates**

Please refer to the clinical sites and affiliate schools listed in the Respiratory North & South Programs.

**Accreditation Status**

The Rutgers-SHRP Respiratory Care Programs (North and South) are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com))
Admissions requirements
A bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. college or university with pre-requisites in anatomy and physiology, microbiology and chemistry.

G.P.A. minimum requirement/credentialing requirement
To be eligible for the respiratory course sequence, a student must complete a bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. college or university while maintaining a “C” or better average (GPA of at least a 2.75). Students must also have completed the following science courses: Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Microbiology, and Chemistry. February 15 is the deadline for summer admission for the Respiratory Care Program-North and June 1 for the Respiratory Therapy Program-South.

For more information
For information on the professional course requirements and/or schedule please contact the program:

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