Program description

Health care careers are available at many educational levels. The Bachelor of Science program in Allied Health Technologies (BSAHT) offered by the Respiratory Care- North Program includes health career opportunities that are too often overlooked. Salaries in its fields are high because healthcare workers shortages, projected needs and healthcare legislation. Workers are being required to assume greater patient care responsibilities and to be in command of highly sophisticated instrumentation to perform their responsibilities. These increasing responsibilities led to the introduction of the Bachelor Degree option in Allied Health Technologies (BSAHT).

This degree option is offered as a joint program by Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) and the following colleges and universities: Bloomfield College, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Felician College, Georgian Court University, New Jersey City University, Ramapo College, and Rutgers University-Newark.

Students take their Freshman through Junior years at one of the partnering institutions (90-100 semester hours) and select their clinical specialty in their junior year. Students spend their Senior year at Rutgers - SHRP, receiving their education and clinical training in the selected field.

Students can expect a very different college experience at Rutgers - SHRP than at a traditional university. They will be enrolled in a predetermined series of courses which require approximately 40 hours of active student participation per week. This work will involve classroom work, clinical practice, and travel. Much of their time will be spent at hospital affiliates acquiring clinical skills. To meet these demands, students must have a car to commute between classes and clinical sites.
**Full-time and part-time status**
Students can complete their Senior year of the Program at Rutgers - SHRP in one year on a full-time basis or over a longer time-frame 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 option.

**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under [Primary Care Department](#)/ Newark campus.

**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).

The goal of the Allied Health Technologies major is to allow students to continue their study in the biological sciences but to direct it specifically toward a career in a health field. Professional societies recognize that newly entering therapists must be educated at a higher level than in the past.

**Major Clinical Affiliates**
- University Hospital, Newark, NJ
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ
- Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, NJ
- Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ
- Saint Peters Medical Center, New Brunswick, NJ

**Accreditation Status**
The Rutgers-SHARP Respiratory Care Program-North is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com))
Admissions requirements
Applicants to the Major must receive counseling at the affiliate institution to plan the course of study. Specific course requirements are similar to the lower level requirements of a Biology major. Programmatic advising should be obtained from the program director of the clinical track of interest. Due to the highly competitive nature of the admission process, most successful candidates have a GPA of approximately 3.0 or better in pre-requisite courses.

G.P.A. minimum requirement/credentialing requirement
To be eligible for the respiratory course sequence students must complete most of the general education requirements and science course work at the collaborating institution while maintaining a “C” or better average (GPA of at least a 2.75). February 15 is the deadline for Fall semester admission.

For more information
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