

RESPIRATORY CARE

The Respiratory Care program prepares students to enter a dynamic and progressive healthcare profession. Respiratory therapists work with advanced technology making it possible to help patients with respiratory and cardiac disorders.

The associate degree program in Respiratory Care provides hands-on education in diverse settings, including human patient simulation, adult and neonatal/pediatric critical care, emergency care, long-term care, pulmonary rehabilitation and diagnostic services.

Respiratory therapists are vital members of the healthcare team who work closely with physicians providing education and support to patients with acute and chronic cardiopulmonary disease for all ages from infants to the elderly.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST MAY INCLUDE:

- Interview and examine patients with breathing or cardiopulmonary disorders
- Consult with physicians about patients' conditions and developing treatment plans to determine appropriate therapy and treatment options
- Perform diagnostic testing
- Monitor and record patients' progress
- Administer medication and provide patient education
- Perform complex therapies including:
 - Mechanical ventilation
 - Performing and analyzing arterial blood gas
 - Airway clearance therapies

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

The Respiratory Care program meets the state education requirements for a Respiratory Care Practitioner license in the State of Connecticut and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care.

Students who successfully complete the Respiratory Care program are eligible to take the national credentialing examinations offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care.



CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Manchester
Naugatuck Valley
Norwalk

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

Application period: **October 1 to June 1**

Program start date: **Fall**

Late applications may be accepted if open seats remain.

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

20 Manchester
Naugatuck Valley
Norwalk

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

Please see CoARC website for the individual campus program outcome data.

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care: coarc.com

CoARC Report: coarc.com/students/programmatic-outcomes-data

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: bls.gov/oo

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants are ranked according to:

Respiratory GPA	50%
Anatomy and Physiology	25%
TEAS	25%

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
English Composition	C or higher	N/A
Intermediate Algebra	C or higher	N/A
Anatomy and Physiology I	C or higher	Within five years of application
Concepts Chemistry or General Chemistry	C or higher	Within five years of application
Program GPA	2.5 or higher	Includes admission courses and general education courses in curriculum
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)	Minimum score 53.3%	Within three years of application
Attend an information session*	N/A	Within one year prior to application deadline

*This is strongly suggested, but not required.



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TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/apply

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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CCS 1001 – College and Career Success is a CT State Community College requirement and students must enroll within their first nine credits. This is not a complete guide for admission requirements. Courses may require prerequisites. For detailed information about the admissions process and the application requirements, visit the campus program website.

Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Respiratory Care program for the 2025-2026 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

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