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RESPIRATORY CARE

Program Description

Respiratory care practitioners are allied health specialists who play a crucial role within the health care team. Working closely with physicians and other health care professionals, they care for patients with respiratory and cardiovascular conditions. Under the supervision of a physician, they are involved with the assessment, treatment, diagnostic testing, rehabilitation, and prevention of conditions that affect the respiratory and cardiovascular systems. Employment opportunities are found in hospitals, clinics, home health care agencies, product support and sales, education, rehabilitation and continuing care, and health/disease prevention programs.

Award Options

Associate in Applied Science Degree-A.A.S.

Job Outlook

Very Good: According to the 2010 Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is expected to grow 21 percent through 2018, which is much faster than the average for all occupations.

For details, please visit this link <http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Earnings

Workforce Development Data for Northeast Iowa

Entry-level wage \$14.22 (2009 Survey)

Entry-Level Salary

Average entry-level wage of \$19.39 (2010 NICC Alumni Survey).

Sample Job Titles

- Cardio Pulmonary Technician
- Certified Respiratory Therapist
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)
- Respiratory Care Practitioner
- Respiratory Therapist

Significant Points

Experience/Skills/Personality Traits

Respiratory care workers must have the capacity to accept great responsibility for patients, stay calm in emergency situations, and have a genuine desire to care for others. They work with ventilators and other sophisticated machinery, so it helps to be hands-on and have mechanical aptitude. Math skills are also necessary to compute medication dosages and calculate test results. Communication skills and the ability to follow orders are also vital.

Physical Demands

Daily activities require bending, stooping, squatting, reaching, pushing, and pulling in all directions. You will be asked to lift and carry objects weighing up to a minimum of 50 pounds and also shared weight. Clinical tasks require use of hands for repetitive action such as simple and firm grasping and fine manipulation, and walking, including stair stepping. Respiratory care practitioners may also be in contact with communicable diseases and chemical/biohazardous materials and odors.

Since the colleges of EICCD are continually reviewing programs, information in the course catalog may change. Please visit www.eicc.edu/catalog for any program updates which have occurred since the most recent edition of the catalog.

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Program requirements subject to change. Please check with your advisor.

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Partnership between EICCD and NICC

A Respiratory Therapy program is available to our students through a cooperative partnership between Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICCD – Clinton, Muscatine and Scott Community Colleges) and Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). The program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

Award

After completing the program, students earn an A.A.S. degree and are eligible for credentialing exams offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

Graduation Requirements

To earn a degree, students must complete all course work and attain a minimum of a "C-" in each course. A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES STUDENTS TAKE AT CCC, MCC OR SCC

BIO:168	Human Anatomy & Physiology w/Lab I	4
BIO:173	Human Anatomy & Physiology w/Lab II	4
BIO:186	Microbiology	4
CSC:110	Introduction to Computers	3
ENG:105	Composition I	3
MAT:041	Basic Math Skills OR Higher Level Math Course	3
PSY:111	Introduction to Psychology	3
TOTAL CREDITS		24

Transferring to NICC

Students need to complete an NICC application indicating a major in Respiratory Therapy. Students must also complete a transcript request form at the Registrar's Office of CCC, MCC or SCC so that the Registrar submits their course transcript to NICC.

Coursework Completed at NICC

FIRST TERM

RCP:270	Respiratory Therapy Techniques I*	8
RCP:320	Respiratory Therapy Science I	<u>3.5</u>
		11.5

SECOND TERM

RCP:460	Respiratory Science II	3.5
RCP:540	Respiratory Therapy Techniques II	<u>8</u>
		11.5

THIRD TERM

RCP:350	Pulmonary Pathology **	3
RCP:490	Respiratory Therapy Science III**	<u>6</u>
		9

FOURTH TERM

RCP:600	Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Therapy	3
RCP:820	Respiratory Therapy Techniques IV	<u>7.5</u>
		10.5

FIFTH TERM

HSC:136	Advanced Life Support (ACLS/PALS)	1.5
RCP:830	Respiratory Therapy V	12
RCP:840	Innovations in Respiratory Care	<u>5.5</u>
		19

A.A.S. TOTAL

85.5

* Must have CPR Certification - Health Care Provider or Professional Rescuer Level.

** Courses are offered online only. All other respiratory care courses are offered in the classroom setting at the NICC campus located in Peosta, Iowa.

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Clinicals

Current physical, immunization records, and American Heart Health Care Provider CPR or the American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer certification must be complete before attending the clinical portion of the respiratory care courses. A criminal record/child abuse registry check is also required and a positive report may prevent you from attendance in clinical and completion of the program. The clinical site may also require documentation of health insurance coverage and drug screening.

Students complete their clinical experiences in Dubuque, Iowa City, and Manchester, Iowa; and in Madison, Wisconsin.

Costs of Education

In addition to tuition and books, the educational costs of the respiratory therapy program include:

Background check	\$15.00 per last name
Physical exam/ Immunizations	Varies based on student's health insurance coverage and immunizations needed
Drug Testing	\$75.00
Apparel, clinical supplies	\$230.00
Computerized testing package	\$300.00
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Varies

Note: The information provided in this Fact Sheet was accurate at the time of its creation and may not reflect subsequent changes made to the program. For the most current information about the Respiratory Therapy Program, please go to www.nicc.edu and locate Respiratory Care in the Programs of Study menu.