



Fall 2017 (August 2017)

Respiratory Care Program

ASSOCIATE of APPLIED SCIENCE

Thomasville Campus

COMPETITIVE ADMISSION REQUIREMENT BOOKLET

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Introduction

Welcome to Respiratory Care. We are excited that you have chosen to become a part of this most challenging and rewarding profession. The respiratory care program is a sequence of courses that prepares graduates to become credentialed as Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRT). There is a growing demand for advanced RRTs at local, national, and international levels. A career in Respiratory care offers a broad range of career specialization options including pulmonary function testing, adult critical care, neonatal and pediatric respiratory care, home care, sleep diagnostics laboratories, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, and asthma and COPD education. However, successful and timely completion of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) examinations is required in order to obtain a job as a respiratory therapist. For more information regarding a career in respiratory care, please visit the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) at www.aarc.org and scroll down to the *Life and Breath* video.

Accreditations

The respiratory care program at Southern Regional Technical College voluntarily withdrew its accreditation on February 8, 2016. The decision was based on the fact that the program outcomes for CRT credentialing success were below the 80% for a three year average (2011, 2012, 2013). Action plans are underway to correct these deficiencies. The next Respiratory class will begin August 2017, pending approval of the Letter of Intent (LOI) by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (www.coarc.com). Candidates who plan to apply for the August 2017 cohort are encouraged to continue working toward the completion of the general education prerequisite courses, and meeting with the program advisor(s) routinely to maintain communication during this transitional period. If you have additional questions, please contact Tammy Miller at tmiller@southernregional.edu or at 229 225 5094.

Southern Regional Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Associate Degrees, Diplomas, and Technical Certificates of Credit. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Southern Regional Technical College.



ASSOCIATE of APPLIED SCIENCE in Respiratory Care Program
Fall Semester 2017 - August 2017

ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

To be admitted to the SRTC Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care program, you must meet admission requirements as outlined by the College. **NOTE: Admission to the program is academically competitive.** Prospective students will be ranked by GPA and the top candidates will be admitted to the Fall Semester 2017 (August 2017) class. Applicants will be screened after grades are posted at the end of summer semester. Application information for candidates who are not admitted will be held and reviewed for the next available class. Students will be notified by mail as to their acceptance status once all file evaluations are complete. Program orientation is always conducted on the first day of classes for Fall semester.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit SRTC Admission Application and \$25 Application fee. (*Returning students are not charged a fee.*)
2. Submit proof of Age. (*Must be 16 years or older at the time of application*) Either a valid state driver's license or birth certificate is acceptable.
3. Have **official** transcripts for high school diploma/GED **AND** all colleges and/or technical colleges (transferable credit or not) mailed to the SRTC Registrar's Office; Southern Regional Technical College; 800 Veterans Parkway North; Moultrie, Georgia 31788.
4. Have acceptable admission placement exam (APE) or GED scores (no older than 5 years) OR have successfully completed with a "C" or better transferable English and college algebra (college algebra must not be older than five (5) years) from a regional or national accredited college, university, or other postsecondary institution recognized by the US Department of Education at the time the coursework was completed. These courses must be the equivalent to the entry-level English and math required for the Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care program.
5. Minimum prerequisite GPA requirement: A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for the prerequisite courses in order to meet admission requirements for the program. If a pre-requisite course has been completed twice – the last attempt is counted for prerequisite GPA purposes only. Successful completion of a prerequisite course means making a grade of 'C' or better. You may not attempt any prerequisite course more than twice within the last five (5) year period. **NOTE: A grade of "W" does count as an attempt.** Respiratory Care Program prerequisite courses are as follows: **ENGL 1101, BIOL 2113, BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114, BIOL 2114L, BIOL 2117, BIOL 2117L, CHEM 1151, CHEM 1151L, MATH 1111**. These ten courses must be completed by May 15, 2017 to be used in the competitive process. Acceptance will be contingent on successfully completing the remaining four courses by the end of summer term: **Social Science Elective, Humanities Elective, General Elective, and COLL 1500**.

****While a "C" is a passing transferrable grade, too many "C" grades will not give you a 2.5 pre-requisite grade point average.****

NOTE: BIOL 2113/BIOL 2113L, BIOL 2114/BIOL 2114L, BIOL 2117/BIOL 2117L, CHEM 1151/CHEM 1151L & MATH 1111 will not be considered if completed more than 5 years before admission to the Respiratory Care program.

NOTE: Students will be required to complete Health Examinations and a Criminal Background report upon acceptance to the program. Students are required to successfully complete American Heart Association Health Care Provider BLS CPR, ACLS, PALS, and NRP during the program. No other CPR cards will be accepted.

All students are subject to the competitive admissions process for these programs. The number of students for any given semester is based on the number of available clinical slots in the program as a whole and may vary by campus and semester. However, slots are filled from the highest grade point averages downward until the maximum enrollments are reached. There is no guarantee that a higher GPA will progress within a particular semester as all slots are competitive.

Any student not admitted into the program may re-apply for the following year.