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Respiratory Care

The Program

Respiratory Care offers unique challenges in the areas of prevention, diagnostics, treatment, management, and rehabilitation of people with respiratory and/or cardiac abnormalities. Graduates are involved in a variety of lifesaving and life supporting situations, working side by side with physicians, nurses, radiographers, and others on the health care team, treating patients ranging in age from newborns to senior citizens.

Respiratory Care graduates enter a specialty field in which the demand has and will exceed the supply. This expertise is a precious commodity in most medical institutions. Positions are available in hospitals, clinics, doctors’ offices, nursing homes or the fast growing field of home care. Specialties include home care, critical care, diagnostics, neonatal/pediatric intensive care, education and management. Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials are honored throughout the United States and Canada, so geography is no barrier to career opportunities.

Respiratory Care students satisfactorily completing the second year of the program will receive an Associate in Applied Science Degree. Graduates are eligible to take the CRT exam, given by the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC). After passing the CRT, they may apply for Texas state licensure. These graduates are then eligible for the Advanced Practitioner examination for RRT given by the NBRC. Midland College offers a full-time program accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Students, working under supervision, gain clinical experiences at area health care facilities.

The average cost for the program is approximately $5,000. There are scholarships and grants available through the Financial Aid Office and the program is V.A. approved.

Admission Requirements

1. Complete Health Sciences application.
2. Official transcripts of any required academic courses.
3. Passing the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
4. Passing all sections of the Texas Skills Initiative.
5. Complete BIOL 2401, Anatomy and Physiology I, and BIOL 2402, Anatomy and Physiology II, with a grade of “C” or better in both courses.
6. Complete the Hepatitis B immunization series.

Advisement for prospective students will take place throughout the year. In order to be considered for admission, students must meet college admission criteria, program admission criteria, and have all items on file by May 25. Notification of admission into the program will progress from highest point totals down through other qualified applicants until the class is full or the Fall semester has started. Applicants receiving less than 80 admission points may require remediation.

Respiratory Care Technical Standards

Respiratory Care students/practitioners are expected to master the technical standards of their profession:

- Utilize both visual and auditory monitoring equipment safely and effectively.
- Assess and record changes in patient status using visual, auditory, and tactile senses.
- Troubleshoot patient/equipment systems.
- Effectively and appropriately communicate and relate with patients, their families, and members of the health care team using oral and/or written means.
- Possess strength and mobility sufficient to support and transport patients as well as equipment.
- Perform respiratory care procedures while wearing personal protective equipment (mask, gown, gloves, etc.)
- Safely and effectively prioritize workload.
- Perform CPR (bag/mask ventilation, chest compressions).
- Utilize intellectual ability to adapt to changing patients’ conditions

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