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**THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A LETTER GRADE OF “C” OR BETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM APPLICATION:**

*Note: Some application requirements must be completed in sequence to meet certain course prerequisites. Please check the current FCC campus catalog.*

PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
BIOL 20, Human Anatomy <b>AND</b> BIOL 22, Human Physiology <b>OR</b> BIOL 21A, Human Anatomy & Physiology I <b>AND</b> BIOL 21B, Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL 110B BIOL 120B BIOL 115S	4  5			
CHEM 3A, Introductory General Chemistry or college equivalent	CHEM 101	4			
BIOL 31, Microbiology		5			
MATH 3A, College Algebra <b>OR</b> MATH 11, Elementary Statistics <b>OR</b> transfer level math course*	MATH 110	4			

\*If a transfer level math course has already been completed, this will meet application and graduation requirements for Math content.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) are a vital part of the medical community. Under the direction of a physician, RCP’s work to evaluate, treat, and care for patients of all ages with heart and lung disorders. The responsibilities and skill sets for RCP’s range from assisting in the treatment of a patient with asthma and/or chronic lung disease to initiating and managing lifesaving modalities. Graduates are prepared for employment providing direct patient care as part of the health care team. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC).

**REQUIREMENTS TO SUBMIT A PROGRAM APPLICATION:**

***After completing all the prerequisites above and program application requirements, students may complete and submit a Program Application for the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program lottery during an application period.***

Students will be selected by a randomized lottery. Selected applicants will begin the program in the summer session with enrollment in RCARE 101. This introductory course provides students with a more detailed overview of the program and the opportunity to explore the profession.

After successful completion of RCARE 101, interested students will be enrolled in the next available Fall cohort. If demand exceeds spaces available, then students could be placed on a waitlist.

Application requirements:

- Complete all program prerequisites above, with a letter “C” or better grade.
- Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of **2.50** or higher.
- There are no restrictions as to age, gender, marital status, or race.

**For application dates and program updates please check with the**

**Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the [FCC Website – Respiratory Care Application Process](#).**

All students pursuing the Respiratory Care Practitioner major should meet with a Health & STEM Counselor

<b>SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR MAJOR PREPARATION/PREREQUISITES</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Semester</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Semester</b>
MATH 3A OR MATH 11	ENGL 1A	BIOL 22 OR BIOL 21B	BIOL 31
BIOL 5	CHEM 3A	FCC AREA B	FCC AREA E1 (PE activity)
FCC AREA E2	BIOL 20 OR BIOL 21A	FCC AREA C	FCC AREA F
AHLTH 100*		FCC AREA E1 (PE activity)	FCC AREA G
<b>APPLICATION PERIOD: SPRING</b>			
Apply to RC Program			

**The above recommended course sequence satisfies the major preparation/prerequisites and FCC local general education requirements.**

*\*AHLTH 100 is a recommended, but not required, course for this program.*

**General Education Requirements:** It is **strongly** recommended that any remaining degree and GE requirements be taken before beginning the program. Students find that because of the heavy workload, they do not have time for additional course work.

In addition to all courses required for the Respiratory Care major and licensure, students must complete one of the three different general education patterns: option 1 – Fresno City College General Education, option 2 – CSU GE Breadth–California State University General Education, OR option 3 – IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum with a minimum **of 60 semester units** with a 2.0 or better GPA. *In order to be eligible to apply to the Respiratory Care Practitioners Program students must have minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.*

FCC currently uses a computerized lottery selection process for admission into the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program. The lottery process is used in response to more eligible applicants than enrollment space. All program application requirements, program requirements, selection criteria, and application dates are subject to change. Changes can be found on the FCC website. It is the student's responsibility to stay current with these criteria and requirements. Applicants will enter the lottery pool based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying, not the catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.

**NOTES:**

1. If a transfer level math course has already been completed, this will meet application and graduation requirements for Math content.
2. To apply to the program, it is the applicant's responsibility to complete the online Program Application and submit all necessary documents, along with all college transcripts, by the deadline.
3. Applicants and Respiratory Care students must keep the Respiratory Care Office informed of any changes in name, address, and telephone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status.
4. Applicants should have no physical or emotional impairment that would preclude the performance of all duties in the program. Successful completion of the program requires applicants to be in good physical and mental health.
5. All students who are accepted into an Allied Health program will be required to have a background check. Results from the drug screening can affect qualification to participate in the program.
6. State and/or national licensing boards protect the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. Applications may be denied to persons convicted of certain crimes that may relate to professional practice. In addition, persons impaired by alcoholism, drug abuse and/or emotional illness are expected to voluntarily seek diagnosis and treatment for any suspected illness. Students with concerns in these areas should discuss them with the appropriate licensing body before entering FCC health programs. The appropriate licensing offices are listed online at [FCC – Respiratory Care](#) or you may contact the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office for assistance.
7. Academic and Professional Requirements can be found in the current Respiratory Care Practitioner Program Student Handbook.
8. Classes, clinical training, and related activities are conducted on the FCC campus and at off campus sites affiliated with the program. Students must provide their own transportation. It must be noted that in addition to local clinical facilities, the program has clinical facilities located in Hanford, Tulare, Porterville, Visalia, Selma, Reedley, and Valley Children's Hospital in Madera.
9. State License: The successful completion of the RCP Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science degree. Graduates are then eligible to take the national licensing examinations.

**Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCARE) Courses:** All RCARE courses in the program are taken as a block; that is, all students take the same courses each term.

**Estimated expenses during the 24-month Respiratory Care Practitioner Program:**

Description	Fee
FCC Admission & Registration Fees (see current FCC catalog for any changes)	\$2,208 (48 units x \$46/unit)
California State Mandated Health Fee (4 x \$20 per semester / 2 x \$17 per summer)	\$114
Parking Permit fee (4 x \$30 per semester / 2 x \$20 per summer)	\$160
<b>BEFORE PROGRAM BEGINS</b>	
Admission health examination, immunizations/diagnostic tests	\$350
Background check and drug screen through Certified Background	\$150
School uniform, lab coat, FCC student I.D., FCC program logo, watch, stethoscope, etc.	\$350
Basic Life Support	\$60
<b>DURING PROGRAM</b>	
Books	\$1,200
Typhon DataBase	\$120
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	\$250
Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP)	\$150
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	\$250
Kettering National Seminars (NBRC) review	\$360
Kettering Classmate	\$120
Exit Exams (written RRT, clinical simulations)	\$140
Online Ethics course (via AARC or CSRC)	\$15
<b>AFTER PROGRAM</b>	
NBRC Examination Fees:	
WRRT Exam	\$190
Clinical Simulations Exam	\$200
California State license fee	\$300
<b>Total Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,687</b>

The estimated expenses do not include pre-requisites and co-requisites or any other fees associated with other courses. Tuition may change at any time.

For more information, students should attend a Nursing & Allied Health Information Session and talk to a Health & STEM Pathway Counselor. Contact the Allied Health, Physical Education, & Athletics Division office, at [apa@fresnocitycollege.edu](mailto:apa@fresnocitycollege.edu) or (559) 244-2604, for more information.