



Respiratory Care



You can help people breathe easier as a Respiratory Therapist. The role respiratory therapists play in critical care can be fast-paced, challenging, and personally rewarding. They are responsible for airway care, ventilator management, and patient monitoring, working with a team to keep their patients breathing. Respiratory therapists work in various healthcare-related areas, including emergency departments, intensive care units, neonatal and pediatric units, operating rooms, skilled nursing facilities, and more. They provide general care through oxygen therapy, volume augmentation, and other treatments.

About Collin College's Program

Collin College offers a competitive 22-month program that prepares students to apply for the Therapist Multiple-Choice and Clinical Simulation credentialing exams given by the National Board for Respiratory Care. The college also partners with Midwestern State University to offer a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care online completion program. The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

Why Collin College?

The Collin College Respiratory Care Program has earned the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award through CoARC since 2013. This award is based on employer and graduate satisfaction surveys, retention rates, and the successful outcomes of program graduates, including their ability to pass licensing exams and secure employment.



**Your
Educational Pathway**
Associate of Applied Science
Respiratory Care
(66 credit hours)

Careers in Respiratory Care

Respiratory Therapist

Avg. Starting Salary: \$63,900

Average Salary: \$74,700

Projected Job Growth: 34.3%

*The average salary listed reflects the mean average wage for workers in this industry, while the average starting wage is tied to workers at the beginning of their careers. The earning potential for employees with certifications and associate of applied science degrees may exceed the average salary. Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O*Net*

Note: Average salary for occupation as of 2023 and job growth projected from 2023-2029

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