

# ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE RESPIRATORY THERAPY

## Purpose

The purpose of the Associate of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy is to prepare students to function as competent Licensed Certified Respiratory Therapists. Graduates of this program will be eligible to take the Certification Examination for Entry Level Respiratory Therapists administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Graduates will also be eligible to apply for a license to practice Respiratory Therapy in the state of Louisiana. Certified Respiratory Therapists may find employment opportunities in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, physicians' offices, home health agencies, and medical equipment supply companies. The Respiratory Therapy program at Our Lady of the Lake College is a consortium program with the LSU Health Sciences Center's Department of Cardiopulmonary Science (LSUHSC). Program faculty is provided by LSUHSC.

## Enrollment

Students who are interested in pursuing the Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy must complete 33 hours of prerequisite courses in the humanities, social sciences, and basic sciences including biology, chemistry, physics, and microbiology. Students may enroll in these prerequisite courses during any semester. Enrollment in the Respiratory Therapy program is selective. A maximum of 20 students will be selected each year into the clinical phase (second year) of the program. The deadline for applying for the January class is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Length of Program

The program is designed so students can complete all of the prerequisites and the professional courses within a two-year period. Prerequisite courses constitute 33 credit hours and the professional portion of the curriculum constitutes 43 credit hours, for a total of 76 credit hours. The first year of the curriculum is composed of lecture and lab educational experiences; the clinical courses (second year) consist of lecture, laboratory courses and clinical experiences at various clinical sites in the metropolitan Baton Rouge area. Professional courses will focus on preparing students to provide respiratory care services in general and critical care, as well as in the long-term environment.

## Application Procedures

Contact the Office of Admissions at 225-768-1700 for information on applying to the Program and to pick up a *Request for Clinical Application Form*. It is required that this completed form be submitted to the Admissions Office prior to your receipt of an application packet. A complete list of required courses is available in the application packet or on our website at [olcollege.edu](http://olcollege.edu).

## Tuition

See the published Tuition & Fee Schedule in the application packet or on our website.

## Financial Assistance

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form this may be done online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

## Transferability

Credit earned at a regionally accredited college or university is transferable provided the course is equivalent in content to the course offered at Our Lady of the Lake College. Credit for college level achievement may be awarded through the CLEP and/or ACT/PEP examination.

## Accreditation

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake College. The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) in collaboration with the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs

## Admission Process

- Students who choose to pursue admission to the Respiratory Therapy program must
- complete all prerequisites by the end of the fall semester preceding the clinical phase;
  - earn a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in all college coursework attempted;
  - earn a minimum of 'C' or better (GPA of 2.5) in prerequisite courses;
  - submit a complete application to the Respiratory Therapy program by September 15<sup>th</sup>;
  - meet with an advisor who is a member of the Respiratory Therapy faculty.

A student who meets selection criteria is not guaranteed admission to the clinical phase of the Respiratory Therapy program. Selection is competitive and is limited due to faculty and clinical resources available. Qualification does not assure selection. Students will be notified by letter. Applicants who are not selected must re-apply the following year.

# Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy Curriculum Plan

## Prerequisite Courses

			<b>Credits</b>
ACSM	1110	Academic Seminar	1
ENGL	1310	English I	3
MATH	1315	College Algebra	3
CHEM	1315	Chemistry	3
PHSC	1310	Physical Science	3
CSCI	1310	Introduction to Computers	3
BIOL	1110	Medical Terminology	1
BIOL	2310	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL	2311	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL	2325	Microbiology	3
BIOL	2325L	Microbiology Lab	1
PHIL	2315/2320	Current Moral Problems/Ethical issues in Health Care	3
PSYC	1310	Introductory Psychology	3
			<hr/> <b>Subtotal</b>
<b>Professional Courses</b>			<b>33</b>
<b>Spring</b>			
RESP	2707	Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology	3
RESP	2708	Respiratory Therapy Fundamentals	3
RESP	2715	Clinical Applications and Procedures I	7
RESP	2712	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	3
			<hr/> <b>Subtotal</b>
			<b>16</b>
<b>Summer</b>			
RESP	2713	Professional Directions	1
RESP	2720	Critical Care Concepts I	2
RESP	2721	Clinical Applications and Procedures II	5
RESP	2722	Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	2
			<hr/> <b>Subtotal</b>
			<b>10</b>
<b>Fall</b>			
RESP	2730	Critical Care Concepts II	2
RESP	2751	Clinical Applications and Procedures II	7
RESP	2732	Neonatology and Pediatrics	2
RESP	2733	Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Long Term Care	3
RESP	2734	Pulmonary Diagnostic Tests	1
RESP	2735	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Advanced Cardiac Life Support	2
			<hr/> <b>Subtotal</b>
			<b>17</b>
			<hr/> <b>TOTAL</b>
			<b>76 credits</b>