



School of Healthcare

Associate of Applied Science

RESPIRATORY THERAPY

PROGRAM LENGTH: 20 MONTHS

Boise Campus



Breathe new life into your career

Take a deep breath. Now let it out. Feels good, doesn't it? Breathing is something most of us take for granted, but many people have difficulty breathing on a daily basis. With the right degree in respiratory therapy, you could launch a healthcare career and help others breathe more easily. You might even save someone's life!

Program objectives

Our associate's degree program in respiratory therapy is designed to help you gain the clinical and laboratory skills you need to start a successful career as a respiratory therapist. This degree offers practical, hands-on learning through clinical experience under the direct supervision of practicing respiratory therapists in real-world settings.

With your degree and proper certification,¹ you'll be qualified to work in a wide variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and sleep disorder treatment centers.

Why choose Stevens-Henager College?

Stevens-Henager College provides the degree you need for the career you want—on your terms and on your schedule. You can go to class days or evenings, whichever works best for you, and get the flexibility of hybrid classroom or online² courses.

Our degree programs are career-focused, without elective courses that you don't need or want. Complete your associate's degree in as few as 20 months!

And, because Stevens-Henager College is smaller than most traditional colleges and universities, you can get more personalized attention and support from your instructors, tutors, advisors, and deans when you need it.

Skills gained

- Airway management
- Anatomy and physiology
- Cardiopulmonary pathophysiology
- Cardiopulmonary pharmacology
- Clinical practice
- Introductory polysomnography
- Lung hyperinflation therapy
- Mechanical ventilation
- Neonatal and pediatric care
- Pulmonary function testing

Possible careers

- Certified respiratory therapist (CRT)¹
- Registered respiratory therapist (RRT)¹
- Respiratory technician

¹ Certifications/licenses may require additional study and/or cost and are not awarded by the college.

² Online programs are offered by our affiliated institution, Independence University.

For graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the programs, and other data, visit stevenshenager.edu/student-information. Stevens-Henager College admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

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Course Name	Credits
Airway Management	3.0
Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology I	2.0
Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology II	2.0
Medical Gas Therapy/Humidity and Aerosol Therapy	3.0
Arterial Blood Gases/Advanced Cardiopulmonary Physiology	3.0
Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology I	2.0
Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology II	2.0
Pulmonary Function Testing and Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics	3.0
Clinical Experience I	11.0
Lung Hyperinflation Therapy/Bronchial Hygiene Therapy	3.0
Mechanical Ventilation I	4.0
Mechanical Ventilation II	4.0
Pulmonary Rehabilitation	2.0
Neonatal and Pediatric Care	4.0
Advanced Cardiac Life Support/ Multi-skilled RT	3.0
Clinical Experience II	11.0
Case Studies and Board Review	2.0

Course Name	Credits
Prerequisite courses:	
Cardiopulmonary and Renal Anatomy and Physiology	4.0
Patient Assessment	4.0
Psychology of Motivation	4.0
Medical Terminology, Law, and Ethics	4.0
Intro to Respiratory Therapy, Microbiology, and Infection Control	4.0
Math, Chemistry, and Physical Sciences for Respiratory Therapy	4.0

Course Name	Credits
General education:	
Anatomy and Physiology	4.0
Communication and Public Speaking	4.0
English Composition	4.0
College Algebra	4.0
Critical Thinking	4.0
Positive Psychology	4.0

Total minimum number of credits: 112.0