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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROGRAM GUIDE

Applied Studies Division

Respiratory Therapy

- Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy

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Respiratory Therapy



Respiratory therapy involves preventive, diagnostic, rehabilitative and intensive-care therapy for patients with current or potential cardiopulmonary problems. Respiratory therapists work in a variety of clinical settings treating patients with heart and lung diseases. Therapists work as members of the health care team assessing patient status, administering respiratory medications, drawing and analyzing blood samples, and working with various types of life support equipment.

Career Opportunities

Respiratory care is a rapidly growing licensed healthcare field. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS.gov), employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase at a rate of 23 percent through 2026. Advances in the treatment of premature infants, victims of heart attacks, accidents and chronic lung diseases such as asthma will increase the demand for the services of respiratory care practitioners.

Lakeland graduates are in high demand and many hold supervisory and management positions in area facilities. Graduates work in hospitals, nursing homes, subacute and rehabilitative facilities, home care, pediatrics, physician offices and medical supply companies.

Some of Lakeland's respiratory therapy program graduates have pursued the following career paths: cardiac and pulmonary stress testing in outpatient laboratories and in-hospital laboratories; intensive care, neonatal/pediatric, medical/surgical, respiratory care in area hospitals; subacute care facilities and long-term care facilities; medical school; nurse anesthetist; transport/emergency care team members; medical law; supervisory/management/administration; sales/marketing; clinical education; polysomnography (sleep study technician); pulmonary rehabilitation; home care; vascular lab technology; organ transplant team members; pharmaceuticals; nurse practitioner; and physician assistant.



Lakeland's Program

Lakeland's respiratory therapy program leads to an Associate of Applied Science degree. Students work with registered respiratory therapists in some of the area's top health care facilities where they use state-of-the-art equipment for cardiopulmonary diagnostics and life support. Students also spend time with home care therapists, in rehabilitation and in sleep laboratories to treat patients with chronic lung diseases.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Successful completion of the program qualifies the graduate for national board exams.

The Lakeland Advantage

- Lakeland's program prepares students at the therapist level, the highest level of training available.
- Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates to sit for board examinations leading to national registry and eligibility for state licensure.
- Students may participate in the Student Respiratory Therapy Association.

For more information

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Respiratory Therapy (9340)

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Respiratory therapy involves preventive, diagnostic, rehabilitative, and intensive-care therapy for patients with current or potential cardiopulmonary problems.

Respiratory therapy, as a clinical discipline, has grown rapidly and has become an essential contributor to healthcare. Technological advancements and increased longevity combined with harmful effects caused by air pollution and hazardous occupations have created an increased demand for respiratory care practitioners.

Lakeland's Respiratory Therapy degree program provides a sound preparation for the registry examination and therapist employment. Students in the program will have a wide variety of clinical experiences in several affiliated hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other community-based respiratory care providers.

Students must be admitted to the Respiratory Therapy program to enroll in RESP courses. Other courses may be taken prior to admission to the program.

All students enrolled in a nursing or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record may be ineligible to participate in a clinical course/rotation/practicum. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in the clinical rotation sequence or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required by individual facilities.

Drug testing may be requested in accordance with clinical affiliation requirements and/or for patient/student health and safety.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 and a "C" grade or higher is required in all respiratory therapy and general education courses as listed in the curriculum guide for the AAS degree in respiratory therapy.

Admission Procedures

Students must meet specific admission requirements for this program. Listed below are requirements for admission to the Respiratory Therapy Program:

Option 1: High School Option

This option is for current high school seniors or high school graduates who apply to the program within two years of high school graduation.

- Complete college application(s).
- Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or combined score of 940 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- Place into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or higher or pass MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra.
- Complete high school algebra, chemistry, and biology with a "C" grade or higher.
- An overall high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirements.

Upon successful completion of the above criteria, the applicant will be admitted into the program. Students must complete HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions with a "C" grade or higher prior to enrolling in their first health technology course.

Option 2: College Option

This option is for students who do not qualify for admission under Option 1.

- Complete college application(s).
- Submit high school transcript as well as any college transcript(s).
- Successful passing score on the required program pre-admission test.
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirement.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in program applicable courses. The following courses, or equivalent courses from other regionally accredited colleges, must be completed with a combined minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and a "C" grade or higher.
 - HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions
 - BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I

NOTE: Students must meet one of these requirements to take BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I with a "C" or higher:












1. High school biology within last five years and high school chemistry.
2. High school biology within last five years and CHEM 1100 Elementary Chemistry.
3. BIOL 1200 Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies

Students are required to take the Math Placement Test and be placed into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or complete MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra with a "C" grade or higher.

Option 3: Advanced Education Option


Students pursuing this option must have an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing or Allied Health, Bachelor of Science Degree in a natural science, or an Associate of Science Degree to be waived from the preadmission testing. All other Option 2 requirements apply.

Note: Students planning to transfer to a four-year college are encouraged to take ENGL 1120 English Composition II and COMM 1100 Effective Interpersonal Communications in addition to the following requirements.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
BIOL 2210	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1110 or ENGL 1111	English Composition I (A) ¹ or English Composition I (B)	3
FYEX 1000	First Year Experience	1
PHYS 1440	Physics for Allied Health	3
RESP 1100	Fundamentals of Respiratory Therapy 	3
RESP 1200	Cardiopulmonary Physiology 	2
	Credit Hours	16
Second Semester		
BIOL 2220	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
	Select any Mathematics course from MATH 1330 or higher ²	3
RESP 1300	Cardiopulmonary Therapeutics 	5
RESP 1400	Pharmacology 	1
RESP 1500	Cardiopulmonary Pathology 	3
	Credit Hours	16
Summer		
RESP 1600	Advanced Diagnostics 	5
RESP 1800	Introduction to Pediatric Respiratory Therapy 	2
	Credit Hours	7
Third Semester		
PSYC 1500	Introduction to Psychology	3
RESP 2100	Mechanical Ventilation 	7
RESP 2200	Hemodynamics and Electrocardiography 	3
	Credit Hours	13
Fourth Semester		
BIOL 2700	Microbiology	4
RESP 2300	Long Term Care and Rehabilitation 	6
RESP 2400	Advanced Therapeutics 	3
	Credit Hours	13
	Total Credit Hours	65

¹ English course selection is based on placement test results (ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B) is 4 credits, only 3 credits apply to the degree).

² Students planning to transfer to a four-year college should take a sequence of math as advised by their counselor.

 This course is designated as a technical course in the program. Students must earn a "C" grade or higher in the course to fulfill the college's graduation requirements policy.

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CAMPUS MAP

- A** A-Building
- B** B-Building
- C** C-Building
- D** D-Building
- E** E-Building
- F1** Baseball Field
- F2** Soccer Field
- F3** Tennis Courts
- F4** Multi-Purpose Court

- F5** Softball Field
- H** H-Building
- K** Faculty Staff Lot
- L** Teaching Learning Center
- P** Parking
- S** Student Service Center/
Breakers Dining
- T** T-Building
- U** Holden University Center

- V** Mooreland Mansion
- Y** Athletic & Fitness Center
- Clocktower
- ★ Dental Hygiene Clinic
- ♿ Handicap Parking
- HIVE
- ▲ Mind Ladders

Quality Education

Professors at Lakeland are experts in their fields with real-world experience. Lakeland prepares you for a high-demand career or for transfer to a four-year college or university. Access to bachelor's and graduate degrees is available on campus from partner institutions through Lakeland's Holden University Center (lakelandcc.edu/uc).

Affordable Tuition

Lakeland's tuition is about one-third the cost of most four-year schools. More than 50 percent of Lakeland students receive some form of financial assistance (lakelandcc.edu/tuition).

Convenience

Lakeland offers convenient day, evening, weekend and online courses (lakelandcc.edu/schedule).

Focus on Students

Lakeland offers a variety of student services to help you succeed, such as counseling, tutoring, computer labs, career services, free parking and affordable child care.

Opportunity starts HERE

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Apply online: lakelandcc.edu/apply

Accreditation

Lakeland Community College is accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and participates in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1413, phone: 800.621.7440, hlcommission.org.

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