

What can I do with a major in...?

Respiratory Therapy

Associate in Applied Science
School of Health & Sciences



Respiratory Therapists evaluate and treat patients with breathing and cardiopulmonary disorders by performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures under medical supervision.

A student must have an associate degree in Respiratory Therapy to qualify for the examinations of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Passing the entry-level Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) examination is required to obtain the RCP license to practice in the state. Earning the RRT credential will open opportunities in career advancement.

NBRC Credentials:

- Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)
- Certified Neonatal Pediatric Specialist (NPS)
- Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT)
- Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPFT)

Related Credentials:

- Certified Asthma Educator (AE-C)
- Registered Polysomnographic Technologist



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Career Related Titles:

Respiratory Care Practitioner

(Hospital, ER/Trauma, Flight/Ground Transport, Respiratory Home Care, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Sleep Lab. Medicine)

Respiratory Therapist

(Hospital, ER/Trauma, Flight/Ground Transport, Respiratory Home Care, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Sleep Lab. Medicine)

Pulmonary Function Technologist

(Laboratory, Sports Medicine or Pulmonary Rehabilitation)

Neonatal Respiratory Therapist

(Newborn or Neonatal ICU)

Pediatric Respiratory Therapist

(Child or Pediatric ICU)

ICU or Critical Care Respiratory Therapist

(Intensive care)

Respiratory Therapy Supervisor

Respiratory Therapy Manager

Respiratory Therapy Director/Consultant

Cardiopulmonary Director/Consultant

Staff Development/Education Coordinator

(Hospital)

RT Instructor, Professor or Faculty

(College or University)

Asthma Educator

(Public Health / Community Health)

Respiratory Research Assistant/Associate

(Research & Pharmaceutical Laboratory)

Respiratory Product Specialist

(Sales & Marketing)

Some of the career fields listed require education beyond an associate's in Applied Science.

What skills do I need for...?

Respiratory Therapy

- Oral and written communication
- Work ethic
- Math skills
- Visual monitoring
- Technical skills
- Physical stamina
- Information gathering
- Instructing patients
- Quick decision making
- Data recording and reporting
- Critical thinking
- Working well under pressure
- Organization and planning
- Working well as a team
- Cultural awareness
- Community orientation

Who do I contact at SFCC?

School of Health & Sciences

Call: 428-1183

Websites for career information:

www.careerclusters.org/16clusters.cfm

<http://online.onetcenter.org/find/>

