

# RESPIRATORY CARE

Health Career Admissions  
Program Code: G.RTT.AAS

## Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Graduation requirement — 71 semester hours

The Respiratory Care Program prepares students to enter into the practice of respiratory therapy. A Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) will assist in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with chronic respiratory disease or acute respiratory compromise due to illness or injury. Most respiratory therapists are employed in acute care hospital settings. Long-term ventilator facilities, home care, and outpatient diagnostic laboratories offer other opportunities. This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to complete the National Board for Respiratory Care exams for the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) and Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential. Practice requires state licensure in every state except Alaska.

### Program Notes

- This program prepares students to meet the educational requirements for licensure in the state of Illinois. Parkland College has not yet determined that this program meets the requirements for licensure of any other state.
- This is a selective admissions program—students must be admitted to the program before taking any RTT course except RTT 117. See the selective admissions page for more information regarding admission, progression, and graduation.
- To be admitted to the program, students must have current placement out of MAT 072 and must place into ENG 101 and college level reading.
- A selective admission score of 2.5 or above must be attained to be considered for admission.
- Students who are non-native speakers of English must establish English proficiency through:
  - Minimum TOEFL iBT scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 18-20-26-21; or
  - Minimum IELTS scores in reading, listening, speaking, and writing: 6-6.5-8-6.
- TOEFL iBT requirements in reading, listening, speaking, and writing are as follows: 18-20-26-21.
- For progression and graduation, students are required to maintain a grade of C (75 percent) or higher in all program courses, maintain a 2.2 minimum PGPA, and must adhere to the Parkland College Code of Conduct and the AARC Statement of Ethics and Professional Conduct. Students are also required to pass both the classroom and skills lab portions to pass the course.
- Clinical rotations may be denied if seasonal flu vaccine or any other required immunization is refused.

- Nontraditional schedules are required to complete some clinical rotations and professional development assignments. Clinical assignments are made by program faculty based on clinical site availability and the need to balance patient case mix with the CoARC requirements for clinical education. Students may be required to travel up to 100 miles from Parkland campus to complete all required clinical specialty rotations.

### Suggested Full-time Sequence

<i>FALL</i>	<i>SPRING</i>	<i>SUMMER</i>
<i>1st Semester</i>	<i>2nd Semester</i>	<i>3rd Semester</i>
RTT 117	RTT 133	RTT 136
RTT 130	RTT 134	RTT 137
RTT 131	RTT 135	
RTT 132	RTT 151	
BIO 121	BIO 122	
	ENG 101	

<i>FALL</i>	<i>SPRING</i>
<i>4th Semester</i>	<i>5th Semester</i>
RTT 212	RTT 214
RTT 213	RTT 217
RTT 215	PSY 101
BIO 123	Gen Ed elec
ENG 102	

### Required Program Courses (53 hours) Cr. Hrs.

BIO 123	Microbiology . . . . .	4
RTT 117	Introduction to Respiratory Care . . . . .	1
RTT 130	Respiratory Therapy I . . . . .	4
RTT 131	Respiratory Science . . . . .	3
RTT 132	Respiratory Therapy II . . . . .	4
RTT 133	Clinical Practicum I . . . . .	2
RTT 134	Respiratory Therapy III . . . . .	4
RTT 135	Respiratory Therapy IV . . . . .	4
RTT 136	Clinical Practicum II . . . . .	2
RTT 137	Advanced Ventilation . . . . .	3
RTT 151	Respiratory Therapy V . . . . .	3
RTT 212	Clinical Practicum III . . . . .	4
RTT 213	Respiratory Therapy VI . . . . .	4
RTT 214	Clinical Practicum IV . . . . .	4
RTT 215	Respiratory Therapy VII . . . . .	4
RTT 217	Respiratory Therapy VIII . . . . .	3

### Required General Education Courses (18 hours)

BIO 121	Anatomy and Physiology I . . . . .	4
BIO 122	Anatomy and Physiology II . . . . .	4
ENG 101	Composition I . . . . .	3
ENG 102	Composition II . . . . .	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology . . . . .	4

Total Semester Credit Hours

71