

# Program Information

# RESPIRATORY THERAPY



North Hollywood, CA

## Program Overview

Respiratory Therapists assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. They assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Respiratory Therapists initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment. They also may serve as asthma educators, patient educators, case managers, Hyperbaric Oxygen Specialists, Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation Specialists and Sleep Specialists. Respiratory Therapists work in hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home care, and diagnostic labs.

The Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) deals with patients of all ages who may be gravely injured or ill. The RCP is among the first on the medical team called to provide treatment in cardiopulmonary emergencies. The RCP also cares for patients in all aspects of their treatment and recovery. The RCP must be sensitive to the needs of those who have serious physical, mental, or psychological impairments. The RCP must also be able to cope with emergencies and work well as a member of the healthcare team.

## Program Objectives

- To provide a learning environment that correlates well with the actual workplace and a clinical experience that correlates with classroom instruction.
- To instill in the student a sense of professional behavior, attitude, and dress consistent with medical standards.
- To provide the student with entry-level knowledge and skills in the field of respiratory care.
- To prepare students for advanced-level competency as Registered Respiratory Therapists.
- To supply competent Respiratory Therapists to the national work pool.

## Course List

ENGL1310*	English Composition I
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL1330*	Microbiology
PHIL1310*	Critical Thinking
MATH Elective*	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320: College Algebra
PSYC1310*	General Psychology
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication
RT210	Introduction to & Applied Respiratory Therapeutics
RT220	Clinical Medicine I
RT230	Clinical Medicine II
RT240	Clinical Specialty Areas/Comprehensive Review
RT250	Advanced Clinical Practice

*\*These courses are offered online*

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