The Respiratory Therapy Program prepares students as part of the health care team to assess, test, and treat patients of all ages experiencing cardiopulmonary disorders. Most RTs are employed in hospitals, although increasingly, there are career opportunities in nursing homes, private homes, with medical equipment supply companies, in-home health agencies, and in physicians’ offices. Many students go on to pursue bachelor’s degrees in Emergency Medical Care or in other related health fields.

All courses listed, including prerequisites, must be completed with a “C” or better (“C-” is not acceptable). Minimum units for each area are shown in parenthesis. For specific enrollment criteria, refer to the Respiratory Therapy webpage at: http://www.vvc.edu/academic/respiratory_therapy/  No CLEP accepted.

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Biology 107 (preferred) or 100 (4)
- Chemistry 100/100H or equivalent (4)
  Note: Math 42 prepares you for Chem 100
- Math 90 or equivalent (4)
- Overall GPA for all coursework attempted must be 2.0 or higher.

Required for the Degree:

- Biology 211, Human Anatomy (5)
- Biology 221, General Microbiology (5)
- Biology 231, Human Physiology (5)

Respiratory Therapy Core
These courses are the nucleus of the RT program. Once you have applied to and been accepted into the program, these are the courses that must be completed:

- RSPT 50 (4 units)
  Polysomnography I
- RSPT 230 (3 units)
  Introduction to Resp.Therapy
- RSPT 231 (10 units)
  Orientation to Basic Fundamentals of RT
- RSPT 232 (10 units)
  Patient Assessment and Clinical Application
- RSPT 233 (13 units)
  Intensive RT Care and Advanced Pulmonary Physiology
- RSPT 234 (13 units)
  Neonatal and Pediatric RT Care and Pathophysiology
- RSPT 239 (2 units)
  Intro to Continuous Mechanical Ventilatory Support

General Education Requirements for the Associate’s Degree

- Group 1 – Both of the following:
  - English 101/101H (4)
  - Psychology 101/101H (3)
  If English was not completed at VVC, a competency test in the VVC library will be required for graduation.

- Group 2 – Speech (3)
  Choose one: CMST 106, 107, 108, 109

- Group 3 – Humanities (3)
  Choose one:
  *Eng 116 and TA 116 are the same course
  Languages: ASL 100, 101, 102, 103, 104; SPAN 101, 101A, 101B, 102, 102A, 102B, 103, 104

- Group 4 – Physical Education
  Any PE/KIN/KIND course of 1 unit or more will satisfy this requirement or HLTH 102

- Group 5 – American Institutions (3)
  Choose One:
  HIST 115/115H, 117/117H, 118/118H, 155; POLS 102/102H, 103

- Group 6 – Global Citizenship (3)
  Many courses can be used to meet this requirement. See Associate Degree Requirements in the VVC catalog, accessible from the More Quick Links menu on the VVC homepage (www.vvc.edu).