Dr. Prem Reddy School of Health Sciences
Associate Degree Respiratory Therapy

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/ CLEP is not accepted.

Prerequisites for Admission:

- Biology 107 (preferred) or 100 (4 units)
- Chemistry 100/H100 or equivalent (4 units)
  Note: Math 42 prepares you for Chem 100
- Math 90 or equivalent (4 units)

Required for the Degree:

We strongly recommend that you complete all three of these before entering the program:

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

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 Respiratory 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/H101 (4 units)
  - Psychology 101/H101 (3 units)
  If English was not completed at VVC, a competency test in the VVC library will be required for graduation.

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

- **Group 3 – Humanities (3 units)**
  Choose one (and see Group 6 below):
  *Eng 116 and TA 116 are the same course
  Languages: ASL 122, 123, 124, 125; FREN 101, 102, 103, 104; GERM 101, 102, 103, 104; LATN 101, 102; SPAN 101, 101A, 101B, 102, 102A, 102B, 103, 104

- **Group 4 – Physical Education (1 unit)**
  Any PE/KIN/KIND course or Health 102 (3 units)

- **Group 5 – American Institutions (3 units)**
  Choose One:
  - HIST 117/H117, 118/H118; POLS 102/H102

- **Group 6 – Global Citizenship (3 units)**
  Underlined courses in Group 3 (Humanities) may simultaneously count toward the Humanities and Global Citizenship requirements.