Respiratory Therapy B.S.

Traditional Track

Degree Requirements: 130 Credit Hours

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

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**General Requirements (Core Areas A - E)**

- BIOL 2081 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2082 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- BIOL 2275 Microorganisms and Disease
- PHYS 1111K Introductory Physics I
  or PHSC Physical Science 1211

**Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major**

- RESP 2110 Medical Terminology
- RESP 3110 Patient Assessment
- RESP 3120 Respiratory Care Equipment
- RESP 3151C Clinical Practicum I
- RESP 3210 Clinical Pharmacology
- RESP 3220 Respiratory Care Fundamentals
- RESP 3230 Diagnostic Procedures
- RESP 3252C Clinical Practicum II
- RESP 3315 Princ Of Mech Ventilation
- RESP 3325 Managing Ventilator Patient
- RESP 3353C Clinical Practicum III
- RESP 4110 Advanced Ventilatory Support
- RESP 4120 Cardiopulmonary Critical Care
- RESP 4130 Perinatal Care
- RESP 4140 Cardiopulmonary Medicine
- RESP 4154C Clinical Practicum IV
- RESP 4215 Prof Issues In Resp Care
- RESP 4265C Clinical Internship

**Related Field Courses**

- RESP 3400 Cardiopulmonary Anat & Phys
- HLPR 2000 Intro Research in Health Prof

**Program Admission Criteria**

Meeting admission criteria does not constitute acceptance into the program. The maximum enrollment ceiling in the Respiratory Therapy Program is 22 students. Minimum admission criteria include completion of all core requirements for the major, an adjusted grade point average of 2.5, no grade less than C in courses related to area D or F of the core.

**Special Requirements**

**Criminal Background Checks and Drug Testing.** Clinical agencies utilized by the Respiratory Therapy program may require criminal background checks and/or drug testing prior to acceptance of the student into clinical facilities. Students who do not pass the criminal background check and/or drug test may be unable to attend clinical courses and therefore may be unable to complete their program of study. Any fees or cost associated with background checks and/or drug testing are the responsibility of the student.

**Legal.** The Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of Georgia has the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant upon a finding by the board that the applicant has been convicted of any felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or a crime violating a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs. Unlicensed students may be employed as long as they work under direct supervision. Students must apply for a temporary permit in order to work following graduation. In order to attain a full license the applicant must be employed under medical direction and have earned a CRT credential. It is a misdemeanor to practice respiratory care or falsely represent oneself as a respiratory care professional unless licensed by the board.

**Health and Insurance.** Students are required to submit a complete health history form and evidence of health insurance, immunizations, and liability (malpractice) insurance prior to participation in clinical practicum.

**Progression Requirements**

Students must complete the respiratory therapy program within three consecutive academic years from the date of initial entry. Students who do not complete the program within this time limit must reapply for admission, meet current criteria for admission, and have their previous credits evaluated at the time of their subsequent admission. Students who are readmitted must meet course requirements in effect at the time of readmission.

A grade of C or better is required for each course in the major field of study. A student who earns a grade of less than C must repeat the course the next semester it is offered. Students may repeat a course in the major field of study only once. Students who must repeat more than one course must reapply for readmission. Students placed on academic warning who do not raise their grade point average to the minimum criteria for academic good standing the following semester will be suspended from the program. Courses used to raise the grade point average must be approved by the academic advisor. Students suspended from the program are eligible for readmission.

Students must complete readmission applications for Georgia Southern University and the respiratory therapy major. Students will be required to meet admission and curriculum requirements in effect at the time of readmission, and must complete a comprehensive clinical evaluation prior to readmission. Students are responsible for scheduling such evaluations by the mid-term date of the semester prior to readmission. Readmission to the respiratory therapy major is a faculty decision and will be based on space availability and faculty recommendation.

Admission to the major is made on a space available basis and is limited to the best qualified students as determined by the admissions committee.
Advisement

Contact the College of Heath Professions Student Success Center, Hollis Building, Room 0101, (912) 478-1931 for more information regarding admission and advising requirements.