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 in the major field of study will be dismissed from the program with no 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.

Program Admission Criteria

In order to be eligible for admission to the Respiratory Therapy program, a student must earn a minimum grade of 'C' in all science courses. No more than two science courses from Area D and/or Area F may be repeated more than twice. Transcript grades of 'D', 'F', or 'WF' are considered failing grades in the Respiratory Therapy program. Admission to Georgia Southern University does not guarantee admission to the respiratory therapy program. The department has a separate formal admissions process. Students are normally admitted to the professional component of the program in the Fall. The application deadline is March 1. Applications received after that date will be considered on a space available basis.

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.