

RESPIRATORY CARE INFORMATION SESSION

TRINITY RIVER EAST CAMPUS

**TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**



EXCELLENCE

The Respiratory Care Program
prepares graduates to be
successful, confident, and
competent professional therapists
who provide excellent patient care.

APPLICATION PERIOD

November 1st through June 30th

For Fall Admission

Online Application (Print and Fill Out)

**You can bring the application to an advisor for
review**

OR

Mail it in:

**ATTENTION: RESPIRATORY CARE
APPLICATION**

**245 E. Belknap Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102**

RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM SEATS, COSTS, AND AVERAGE SALARY INFO

How many seats per application period?

The TCCD Respiratory Care program currently accepts up to 28 students per application period. Those selected will begin classes in the following Fall semester. On average, the program has about 80 students apply in a single application period.

Program Cost

\$4,224 cost in tuition and fees.

\$7,180.00 is the approx. total cost of program. This includes uniforms, books, tuition and other miscellaneous costs.

According to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports median annual wages range \$44,850 - \$86,980.

D/FW avg. \$64,350.

National employment projection reports a 21% growth and there is a projected **36.4% needed job growth in Texas** for RTs according to Texas Workforce Comm

COMPETITIVENESS

Not everyone who meets program application requirements will be selected for program admission. At this time, the Respiratory Care Program applicants will begin the program in the following Fall semester.

At time of selection, applicants that did not score in the top selection are recommended to continue improving on their scores and reapply.

*Please note that the Applicant Score is comprised of only 3 things: Cumulative GPA of the past 5 years, Science grades and HESI A2 score.

Do not ask staff, faculty or administration for your score, we do not and will not ever have access to this information.

SELECTION NOTIFICATION: CANDIDATES AND SELECTION INTO PROGRAM

When Will I Be Notified?

3 to 4 weeks after the application deadline, the top 40 candidates are invited to a mandatory information meeting.

Selection Into Program

Acceptance notification of selected 28 applicants are sent within 10 days after the information meeting

Alternates

The remaining applicants within the Top 40 (that attended the information session) are designated as alternates.

It is important to remember that selection is based on how each applicant compares with others in the applicant pool for this program.

Applicants with higher GPA's, HESI A2 scores and science grades will be the most competitive.

The selection committee notifies all candidates by mail of their admission status (accepted, alternate, not accepted or incomplete). It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the correct mailing address has been provided.

ELIGIBILITY

Must have a TCCD ID Number

- To be eligible to apply for the Respiratory Care program, the student must first be a current TCCD student. This means that the student has a TCCD student ID number and has already applied and been accepted to the college.
- Individuals that have not applied to the college may follow this link: [Apply For Admission](#) to begin the process.

Transcript Evaluation

- ALL official transcripts from a college or university other than TCCD, must be received and evaluated by TCCD at the time of Application to the Radiologic Technology program.
- First, submit your transcripts to the Transcript Office or your local Registrars office.
- This process can take up to two months, please keep this in mind.
- Also remember to include an official transcript with your application IF your evaluation has not yet been completed.

TSI Requirements

- Meet TCCD's Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements. For additional information on TSI requirements, Please visit: [TSI Requirements](#)

ELIGIBILITY CONTINUED

Prerequisite Science Courses

- The courses below, or equivalents, must have been completed before time of application.
 - BIOL 2401
 - BIOL 2402
 - BIOL 2420
- Please note that you must have a C or higher for these grades to be considered.
- If science courses were taken more than 5 years ago, student must take Anatomy & Physiology section of the HESI A2.
- Please ALSO note that SCIT COURSES are not accepted replacements for the BIOL courses. We will not allow any exceptions.

Immunizations/Screenings

- Please be aware that the TAC (Texas Administrative Code) and DFW Hospital Council Standards require that all students in health-related programs complete certain immunizations. These MUST be submitted with your application. They are currently as follows:
 - ✓ HEPATITIS A&B
 - ✓ MMR
 - ✓ TDAP
 - ✓ Varicella
 - ✓ Influenza
 - ✓ TB Skin Test

***Some of these immunizations take up to 6 months to complete (Hep A & B), it is best to get started NOW, or you cannot apply for the program.**

Other Requirements

- Once accepted into the program, you will be required to complete a drug screen, keep CPR current (American Heart Association certified BLS for Healthcare Providers), and a criminal background check. If you have any criminal charges, you need to email me to discuss what you must do in order to find out whether or not you can apply for the program. Felony's, Assault, Domestic Violence and Drug Charges automatically bar you from eligibility.
- You will also need to renew your TB annually and Flu seasonally.
- House Bill 1508 which took effect in September 2017 requires that all of our students are notified that criminal offense convictions that occur while enrolled in our programs will affect their ability to apply for an occupational license.
- If there is something you feel might prevent you from being accepted into the program, it is your responsibility to contact the testing entity and the background check company prior to being accepted into the program. Should you learn that you will not pass the background check and/or the requirements for the national registry, you should not apply to any program within the health sciences.”

BONUS POINTS HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

- .1 will be given to those registered with TCCD as a military Veteran
- .1 will be given to those who were enrolled as dual-credit high school students
- .1 will be given to those who are returning to our programs after completing an advanced degree (associate's or higher). Transcripts must state successful completion with GPA of 2.5 or higher, which is the minimum GPA for applying to the programs we currently offer.

PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIRED/RECOMMENDED

**ALL RSPT AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE PASSED
WITH A MINIMUM GRADE OF C**

- The below **bold** courses, or approved equivalents, must have been completed before the the time of deadline. If the courses were completed more than 5 years ago, student must take the Anatomy & Physiology portion of the HESI A2. There are absolutely NO exceptions.
 - **BIOL 2401 (Anatomy and Physiology I)**
 - **BIOL 2402 (Anatomy and Physiology II)**
 - **BIOL 2420 (Microbiology)**
- Please note that only the 3 sciences listed above, HESI A2, Immunizations and TCC's TSI requirements must be completed prior to application. It is strongly recommended that the student have all prerequisites (including general education courses) completed prior to enrollment in Respiratory Care courses. This is due to the strenuous nature of the program as well as the fact that these general education courses must be completed prior to graduation.
 - HPRS 1206 (Essentials of Medical Terminology)
 - HPRS 2200 (Pharmacology for Health Professions)
 - HPRS 2201 (Pathophysiology)
 - ENGL 1301 (English Composition I)
 - One of the following Psychology courses: PSYC 2301, 2306, 2308, 2312, 2314, 2315, 2318 or 2319.
 - One Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (3 hour course): ARTS 1301, 1303 , MUSI 1306, PHIL 1301 HUMA 1301, 1315, HIST 2311, 2312, 2321, SPAN, FREN or GERM 2311 or 2312

NEW PROGRAM CHANGES

ALL APPLICANTS MUST NOW HAVE A MINIMUM 2.5 GPA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Not only will there be a minimum GPA of 2.5; you will also be required to take the HESI A2 test prior to application.

What does the HESI A2 test cover:

Math: Basic math skills; a 50 item exam that focuses on math skills needed for health care fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ration and proportion, household measures, and general math facts that are useful. Personal calculators are not permitted during this part of the test although there is a basic function calculator available within the test.

Reading Comprehension: A 47 item exam that includes reading scenarios that are health related. Provides reading scenarios in order to measure reading comprehension, including: identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, making logical inferences, etc.

Vocabulary & General Knowledge: A 50 item exam that contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English speaking settings and in health care fields.

Grammar: A 50 item exam that contains basic grammar including: parts of speech, important terms and their uses in grammar, and commonly occurring grammatical errors.

*****Anatomy & Physiology:** This section is required only for students that have sciences (Anatomy & Physiology 1 and Anatomy & Physiology 2) that were taken more than 5 years ago.

Other Information

Please check the following link for more HESI A2 Information (registration, cost, test dates):

<https://www.tccd.edu/admission/testing-centers/hesi-a2/>

Results of test will be available immediately after completion ... the test is 4.5 hours long, most people finish in 2 hours.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PREPARE ME FOR?

CREDENTIALS You are qualified to attain UPON GRADUATION

- Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)
- Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care Specialist (CRT-NPS or RRT-NPS)
- Adult Critical Care Specialist (ACCS)
- Certified Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT)
- Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (RPFT)
- Sleep Disorders Specialist (SDS)
- Certified Asthma Educator (AE-C)

RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM SCHEDULE/LENGTH

Course & Clinical Hours

Program courses and labs meet weekdays between 8am and 4pm; however, clinical rotations will be required 2 or 3 days per week depending on term and will begin at 6:20am. Students can expect to need 2 to 3 hours of study time per evening.

This is a Full-Time Program

Students need to be able to commit to a full-time schedule for five semester (2 YEARS) consecutively. Part-time or evening learning options are not available at this time.

RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM

Coursework in the First Fall Semester

RSPT 1101 Intro to Respiratory Care

RSPT 1166 Practicum-Respiratory Care Therapy

RSPT 1429 Respiratory Care Fundamentals I

HPRS 1206 Essentials of Medical Terminology

HPRS 2200 Pharmacology for Health Professions

1 Creative Arts Elective, if not yet completed.

Coursework in the First Spring Semester

RSPT 1207 Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology

RSPT 1266 Practicum-Respiratory Care Therapy

RSPT 1331 Respiratory Care Fundamentals

HPRS 2201 Pathophysiology

RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM CONTINUED

Coursework in the First Summer Semester

RSPT 1267 Practicum-Respiratory Care Therapy

RSPT 2139 Advanced Cardiac Life Support

RSPT 2414 Mechanical Ventilation

Coursework in the Second Fall Semester

RSPT 2133 Respiratory Care Case Management

RSPT 2210 Cardiopulmonary Disease

RSPT 2266 Practicum-Respiratory Care Therapy

RSPT 2405 Pulmonary Diagnostics

RSPT 2172 Health Care Communications

Coursework in the Second Spring Semester

RSPT 1141 Respiratory Home Care and Rehab

RSPT 2131 Simulations in Respiratory Care

RSPT 2233 Respiratory Case Management

RSPT 2147 Specialties in Respiratory Care

RSPT 2267 Practicum-Respiratory Care Therapy

RSPT 2353 Neonatal and Pediatric Cardio Care

English 1301 and Psychology Elective, if not yet completed.

FAQ

**If you have any questions, please
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