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Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Respiratory Therapy

Bachelor of Science

EFFECTIVE BEGINNING ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27

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Respiratory Therapy is a specialized healthcare field where practitioners are trained and licensed to assess, treat, and care for people suffering from lung and heart diseases. Respiratory Therapists are required to have at minimum an associate degree in respiratory therapy/care, but many employers give preference to or pay higher salaries to Respiratory Therapists with a bachelor's degree. The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) accredits associate degree programs and two types of bachelor's degree programs, Entry into Practice and Degree Advancement.

Degree Advancement bachelor's programs are for students who have already completed an associate degree program in respiratory therapy/care holding the Respiratory Therapist credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care and wish to further their education and professional advancement opportunities with a bachelor's degree. The curriculum typically consists of general education coursework necessary to meet bachelor's degree requirements as well as coursework in leadership, management, education, research, and advanced clinical practice skills. Because these programs require an earned associate degree in respiratory therapy/care for admission, they typically require approximately 60 credit hours to complete, for a total of 120-126 credit hours.

Entry into Practice bachelor's programs are for students who do not have previous respiratory therapy degrees or credentials. The first half of the curriculum typically consists of general education requirements and pre-respiratory therapy coursework/prerequisites, and the second half consists of respiratory therapy professional coursework. Because these programs do not require an associate degree, they typically require 120-126 credit hours to complete, but students can transfer in most general education and prerequisite coursework.

Sources: American Association for Respiratory Care (http://www.aarc.org/) (https://be-an-rt.org/what-is-respiratory-therapy/) , Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (https://www.coarc.com/)

Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways offer students wishing to pursue a career in the field of Respiratory Therapy two different pathway options.

Option 1: The Statewide Guaranteed Respiratory Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Respiratory Therapy/Care to CoARC Degree Advancement Bachelor's Programs at Kent State University Ashtabula, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Youngstown State University. This pathway may be a good option for students who:

- know they want to pursue a career in respiratory therapy and want to get hands-on experience earlier in their academic career
- want to enter the workforce after completing their associate degree in respiratory therapy/care and continue their education later and/or while working (in a more flexible, online program)
- want to transfer to a university that only offers a Degree Advancement bachelor's program in respiratory therapy/care

Option 2: Alternatively, students may complete the Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Arts (AA) Ohio Guaranteed Pre-Health Professions Transfer Pathway. This pathway is designed to transfer into CoARC Entry into Practice Bachelor's Programs offered at Bowling Green State University (Firelands campus), Ohio State University, University of Akron, University of Toledo, and Youngstown State University. This pathway may be a good option for students who:

- attend a community college that does not offer an AAS in Respiratory Therapy
- are interested in health professions such as respiratory therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy, but are not yet decided on a specific field
- want to transfer to a university that offers an Entry into Practice bachelor's program in respiratory therapy/care

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In addition to the course requirements outlined in the tables below, the Ohio Guaranteed Respiratory Therapy Transfer Pathway also requires:

1. The associate degree must be from a CoARC-accredited Respiratory Therapy/Care program
2. Students must have earned the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC); or have earned the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential from NBRC and be eligible to take and complete the RRT exam sequence

COURSE EQUIVALENCIES FROM THE APPLIED ASSOCIATE DEGREE		COURSE NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/OHIO TRANSFER 36			
English Composition:	Any Ohio Transfer 36 approved First Writing (TME001) course	ENGL 1001	3
Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic:	Any Ohio Transfer 36 approved Mathematics course [Recommended: Introductory Statistics (TMM010)]	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective* or STAT 1031 (recommended)	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences:	Any Ohio Transfer 36 approved Social and Behavioral Sciences course [Recommended: Introduction to Psychology (OSS015) or Introduction to Sociology (OSS021)]	Ohio Transfer 36 Elective* or PSYC 1001 or SOC 1001 (recommended)	3
Natural Sciences:	Any Ohio Transfer 36 approved Natural Sciences course with Lab	Ohio Transfer 36 NS Elective	3-4
Natural Sciences:	Any Ohio Transfer 36 approved Natural Sciences course	Ohio Transfer 36 NS Elective	3
Other:	Additional Ohio Transfer 36 approved courses as curriculum permits [Recommendations include: Second Writing (TME002); Arts and Humanities (Ethics course suggested); Public Speaking (OCM013) or Oral Communication course][1]	ENGL 2089; Ohio Transfer 36 Elective*	9
ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK			**24**
Additional Respiratory Care coursework to complete institution's associate degree requirements: This coursework will be evaluated by the receiving institution for potential course applicability or may be accepted as block credit.		Varies*	36-50
TOTAL HOURS FROM APPLIED ASSOCIATE DEGREE:			**60-65**

Advising Notes:

(*) Indicates that coursework will be evaluated for applicable equivalency upon transfer at the university. If a Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) course is taken, the approved course equivalency will be awarded.

[1] The University of Cincinnati requires the Second Writing (TME002) course.

SPECIAL NOTES

Some bachelor-degree granting programs may be competitive and admission into the program is not guaranteed. Students should check with individual institutions for their program admission requirements.

Bachelor-degree granting institutions may require additional general education courses since students will not complete the Ohio Transfer 36 by following this pathway and will take these courses upon transfer.

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The following additional coursework will be required to complete the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care at the University of Cincinnati after a student has completed an Associate of Applied Science Respiratory Therapy Transfer Pathway degree. Somebachelor-degree granting programs may be competitive and admission into the program is not guaranteed. Students should check with individual institutions for their program admission requirements.

REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE		COURSE NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
General Education:	Civility & Democracy Elective (if not taken in AAS)[1]	Varies	0-3
General Education:	Intermediate Composition (if not taken in AAS)	ENGL 2089	0-3
General Education:	Arts & Humanities Elective (different subject code from Arts & Humanities elective)	Varies	3
General Education:	Social & Behavioral Science Elective (different subject code from Social & Behavioral Science Elective at sending institution)	Varies	3
General Education:	General Education Elective (AH, CD, ENC, MSL, NSC, SBS)	Varies	3
Major Core Course:	Ethics of Respiratory Therapy	RSTH 3001	3
Major Core Course:	Health Care Documentation & Communication	RSTH 3002	3
Major Core Course:	Community Health Problems & Practices	RSTH 3004	3
Major Core Course:	Integration of Delivery of Respiratory Therapy	RSTH 3010	3
Major Core Course:	Management in Respiratory Therapy	RSTH 3040	3
Major Core Course:	Aging & Respiratory Therapy	RSTH 3050	3
Major Core Course:	Caregiving in the Respiratory Therapy Professions	RSTH 3065	3
Major Core Course:	Disease Management/Patient Education	RSTH 3080	3
Major Core Course:	Introduction to Respiratory Therapy Research	RSTH 4060	4
Major Advanced Course:	Research Methods & Analysis	RSTH 4001	5
Major Advanced Course:	Alternative Practices & Current Trends in Respiratory Care	RSTH 4030	4
Major Advanced Course:	Advanced Respiratory Therapy/Leadership & Project Management	RSTH 4050	4
Major Advanced Course:	Respiratory Therapy Specialty I w/Observation	RSTH 4070	3
Major Advanced Course:	Respiratory Therapy Specialty II	RSTH 4075	3
Major Advanced Course:	Respiratory Therapy Capstone	RSTH 5001	3
REMAINING COURSEWORK TO COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE TOTAL:			**59-65**

Advising Notes:
[1] These courses have received the American Civic Literacy designation. This graduation requirement begins spring semester of the 2029-2030 academic year.

COMPLETE BACHELOR'S DEGREE	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS
BACHELOR'S DEGREE TOTAL:	**120**

SPECIAL NOTES

For more information, please contact:
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onlineenrollment@uc.edu
512-556-6826
https://online.uc.edu/undergraduate-degrees/bachelors-in-respiratory-therapy/

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SAMPLE DEGREE MAP

THIRD YEAR

SEMESTER 5

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
GE Arts & Humanities Elective	3
GE Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3
GE Any (AH, CD, ENC, MSL, NSC, SBS)	3
RSTH 3050 Aging and Respiratory	3
Intermediate Composition	0-3
Total *SEMESTER 5* Credit Hours	12-15

SEMESTER 6

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
RSTH 3001 Ethics of Respiratory Therapy	3
RSTH 3002 Health Care Documentation & Communication	3
RSTH 3004 Community Health Problems & Practices	3
Civility & Democracy Elective	0-3
Total *SEMESTER 6* Credit Hours	9-12

SUMMER SEMESTER

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
RSTH 3010 Integration of Delivery of Respiratory Therapy	3
RSTH 3040 Management in Respiratory Therapy	3
RSTH 4050 Advanced RT /Leadership & Project Management	4
Total *SUMMER SEMESTER* Credit Hours	10

FOURTH YEAR

SEMESTER 7

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
RSTH 4001 Research Methods & Analysis	5
RSTH 3065 Caregiving in the Respiratory Therapy Professions	3
RSTH 3080 Disease Management/Patient Education	3
RSTH 4060 Introduction to Respiratory Therapy Research	4
Total *SEMESTER 7* Credit Hours	15

SEMESTER 8

COURSE NAME & NUMBER	CREDIT HOURS
RSTH 4030 Alternative Practices & Current Trends in Respiratory Care	4
RSTH 4070 RT Specialty 1	3
RSTH 4075 RT Specialty 2	3
RSTH 5001 RT Capstone	3
Total *SEMESTER 8* Credit Hours	13