



# Respiratory Care



**You can help people breathe easier as a Respiratory Therapist.** The role respiratory therapists play in critical care can be fast-paced, challenging and personally rewarding. They are responsible for airway care, ventilator management, and patient monitoring, working with a team to keep their patients breathing. RTs also provide general care through oxygen therapy, volume augmentation, and other treatments. Respiratory Therapists work in emergency departments, intensive care areas, neonatal and pediatric units, operating rooms, skilled nursing facilities, asthma education and smoking cessation programs, and even in the transport of critically ill patients.

## About Collin College's Program

The college's competitive admission 22-month program prepares students to apply for the Therapist Multiple-Choice and Clinical Simulation credentialing exams given by the National Board for Respiratory Care. The college also partners with Midwestern State University to offer a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care online completion program. The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

## Why Collin College?

It has received the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award since 2013. The award is partly based on employer satisfaction surveys that rate graduates on their knowledge base, clinical proficiency, and behavioral skills.



## Your Educational Pathway

**Associate of Applied Science  
Respiratory Care  
(66 credit hours)**

## Careers in Respiratory Care

**Respiratory Therapist  
Average salary: \$65,600  
31.3% Job Growth**

Data obtained from JobsEQ (Collin County), O\*NET, and Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas  
Note: Job growth is projected from 2020-2027. The earning potential for employees with certifications and associate of applied science degrees may exceed the average salary.



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