



**Pearl River
Community College
Respiratory Care Technology
Program**

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
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THE CAREER

Respiratory Therapy is an allied health profession employed in the treatment, management, control, and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the respiratory system.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Respiratory Care Technology is an allied health professional, employed in the treatment, control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the respiratory system. They serve as a consultant to the physician in the treatment and management of cardio-pulmonary abnormalities and work with nurses in coordinating and implementing an overall patient care strategy. Employment opportunities are available in hospitals, home health agencies, nursing homes and other health care settings. The education of the Respiratory Therapist therefore, must provide a broad background in the biological and behavioral sciences. Upon completion of those courses specified, the student will be eligible to take both Entry Level and Advanced Level Exams administered by the N.B.R.C. (National Board for Respiratory Care).

MISSION STATEMENT – PRCC is a public institution committed to providing quality educational and service opportunities for all who seek them.

PEARL RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM

GOAL –To Prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by registered respiratory therapists (RRTs).

Objectives

- To provide quality instruction through various techniques, including the use of technology.
- To provide students with the skills necessary for job placement after graduation.
- To provide a learning environment that enables students to be successful in the Respiratory Care Technology Program.
- To produce students who demonstrate the ability to perform, comprehend, apply, and evaluate relevant information necessary for program success.
- To produce graduates who perform effectively as a member of the health care team.
- To produce graduates who demonstrate the ability to comprehend, apply, and evaluate information that is relevant to their role as a Respiratory Therapist.
- To produce graduates who demonstrate proficiency in communication, interpersonal, and customer service skills.

ADMISSION

All applicants **MUST** complete the required pre-requisite courses to be eligible for admittance to the Respiratory Care Technology Program. Selection of students is very competitive and is based on ACT scores, pre-requisite course GPA, and interviews. Applications are accepted each year **until May 1**, at which time your application file **must be complete**.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

At this time, Pearl River Community College does NOT offer advanced placement for students who may have prior coursework or work experience in the profession. However, students may transfer from a comparable, accredited Respiratory Therapy program if a review of the student's transcript by the Program Director deems the prior coursework to be equivalent to and on the same timeline as the Respiratory Therapy curriculum at Pearl River Community College. In addition, any student wishing to transfer must be in good standing with previous college.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The PRCC Respiratory Care Technology Program, CoARC #200409, located on the FCC (Forrest County center), is accredited by CoARC (Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care).

Outcomes data from the latest Annual Report of Current Status have been posted on the CoARC website. Follow this link directly to the Programmatic Outcomes Data page:

<https://www.coarc.com/Students/Programmatic-Outcome-Data.aspx>

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act and you require special assistance, accommodations or alternate format, you should contact the Office of Disability Services at ADA@prcc.edu or 601-403-1215.

Respiratory Care Technology Program

Enclosed you will find the information packet for Respiratory Care Technology Program. ***Please read the packet carefully. Applications will be accepted each year until May 1.*** All applications, ***all*** college transcripts (***see page 9 for instructions***), and ACT scores must be received by this date in order to be considered. ***Late applications will not be accepted.***

Items 1 – 7 must be completed/submitted by **May 1**:

1. PRCC online application
2. Official transcripts (e-scripted - PRCC) from *every* college you have attended, except PRCC
3. Official High school transcript or GED – sent to PRCC.
4. ACT score – (sent to PRCC) American College Test
5. RCT program online application
6. Program Course List – submit to RCT program,
7. Spring Mid-Term Grade Form – submit to RCT program if taking required pre-requisite courses
8. A current photo of yourself, no larger than 3 x 5, with your name written on the back of photo.

Please note that if you are currently enrolled in one the seven prerequisite classes, you must submit a mid-term grade form for that class, so it may be calculated towards your GPA calculation. You must submit this in April. Your GPA plays a big role in the admission process. The **minimum** GPA for consideration of admission to the RCT class must be at least a **2.50 overall for the required prerequisites**. **Before admittance into the program, all applicants must have completed the prerequisite classes.** ***These classes must be completed with a “C” or better prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester.***

If you have any questions or need further assistance, our door is always open. Please feel free to email the RCT office respiratory.therapy.info@prcc.edu or call 601-554-5487, or you may call Mrs. Frances Wright, Program Director at 601-554-5489, or you may e-mail Ms. Wright at respiratory.therapy.info@prcc.edu, if you prefer.

Thank you,

RCT Program

Please be sure all items are mailed to the following address:

***Pearl River Community College
RCT Program Office
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Respiratory Care Technology Program Requirements

In addition to the above requirements, students should be aware of the following information:

1. Students must furnish ACT scores – minimum ACT score accepted is **16**, preferred ACT score is **18 or higher**.
 - ACT score may be from the national administration of the test or the residual.
 - Applicants who took the ACT prior to October 1989 will have their results converted to the enhanced scores. (A score of 16 prior to October 1989 converts to an 18 on the Enhanced ACT).
2. Students are **required** to complete the following Pre-requisite courses and **must achieve a “C” or better prior to admission to the Respiratory Care Technology program. Courses can be in progress when applying but must be complete prior to the start of the respiratory program:**

*Pre-requisite Course Requirements

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Semester Hours</u>
BIO 1513 or 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 1511 or 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I (lab)	1
BIO 1523 or 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 1521 or 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II (lab)	1
MAT 1313	College Algebra	3
ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
SPT 1113	Oral Communication	3
Behavioral/Social Science Elective	3	This includes general psychology <i>or</i> sociology.
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	These can be any <i>one</i> of the following: any foreign language, World Lit, Eng. Comp. II or Music/Art appreciation.
Highly recommend:	Medical Terminology Elective	3
	Microbiology with lab	4

3. The applicant’s grade point average for the required pre-requisite courses **must** be at least **2.50**, minimum preferred is **3.0**.
4. Applicant **must** include a current photo and should be no larger than 3 x 5. **Please be sure and write your name on the back of the photo.**
5. All applicants **must attend an Information session** for the Respiratory Care program. Dates can be found on the PRCC Respiratory Care Technology webpage.

Admission to the Respiratory Care Technology program is based on ACT score, GPA (Only courses required for admission to the program will be considered when computing grade point averages) and an interview. The applicant should be available for a personal interview with the Admissions Committee should he/she become a candidate for admission. Failure to interview with the Admissions Committee at the scheduled time and date will constitute automatic program rejection.

PLEASE NOTE: Students that meet the minimum requirements listed on this page are NOT guaranteed admission to the Respiratory Care program.

Students NOT selected for admission to the program must reapply prior to May 1 of next year to be reconsidered.

RCT Program Applicant Course List

Applicant: Please list below the pre-requisite course that you are presently taking or plan to take during the spring and summer semester immediately preceding admission to PRCC. **IF you will not be in school, please indicate on this sheet and return with your application packet.**

Name: _____ ID # _____

Check here if you will NOT be attending classes during the summer or spring semester. _____ **Initials:** _____
(This indicates that you have completed the pre-professional phase for admittance into the RCT program)

Name of Educational Institution Attending: _____

Spring Semester

Hours Credit	Title of Course	Course #

Summer Semester

Hours Credit	Title of Course	Course #

IMPORTANT: Your application for admission to Pearl River Community College Respiratory Care Technology Program will be evaluated on the basis of your transcripts and courses which you now have in progress or plan to take, as indicated above. Grades for your spring “in progress” classes will count towards your prerequisite GPA. If you should alter your course of study in any way without notifying the RCT office at PRCC, the admission committee will not have your correct course list and your consideration may be affected accordingly.

I have read the above statement and will notify the PRCC *Respiratory Care* office of any changes in the above outlined course list.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return with your packet to: ***Pearl River Community College
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Mid – Term Grade Form for Spring Semester

NOTE: Applicant **only** complete this form, **if** you are taking any of the following classes during the ***Spring*** Semester.

Applicant: Please take this form to the instructor of the pre- requisite course for which you are attending, and have them write your mid – term grade in the space provided, for the appropriate course.

Instructor: Please write the current grade, for the student listed below, in the space provided. You may also email mid-term grades to fwright@prcc.edu

Thank you,

Lori Anderson
Respiratory Care Program.

Please be sure to submit this form to the RCT office by April 15.

Student’s Name: _____

<u>Course #</u>	<u>Name of Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Instructor’s Signature</u>
BIO 1513/2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	_____	_____
BIO 1511/2511	Anatomy and Physiology I (lab)	_____	_____
BIO 1523/2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	_____	_____
BIO 1521/2521	Anatomy and Physiology II (lab)	_____	_____
MAT 1313	College Algebra	_____	_____
ENG 1113	English Composition I	_____	_____
SPT 1113	Oral Communication	_____	_____
_____	Behavioral/Social Science Elective	_____	_____
_____	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	_____	_____
_____	Medical Terminology	_____	_____
_____	Microbiology	_____	_____

***For Students Accepted into the Respiratory Care Technology Program
the following will be REQUIRED:***

- Immunization- complete for college admission (Form 121), including DTAP & MMR & Varicella (or history of disease)
- Physical that includes TB skin test (or Chest X-ray in the event of a positive test result)
- FBI Criminal Background check
- Office of Inspector General Background check
- Health insurance card verification
- Vehicle insurance card verification
- Hepatitis B series completed or begun (First of series of 3 must be documented) or sign declination form
- Drug Screen
- Copy of Photo I.D.
- Current BLS Card

CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK

As per Mississippi law, all persons who provide direct, hands-on medical care in a patient's/resident's/client's room or in a treatment or recovery room will be required to undergo a criminal history record check. All RCT students are required to complete this check. If a criminal history check does not report that a student is "clear", the student will not be able to complete the clinical rotations that are required for an Associate in Applied Science degree or be able to obtain a license to practice. Therefore, they will be dismissed from the program.

Students accepted into the program will be required to attend an orientation session. The date of this orientation will be included with your letter of acceptance.

Students accepted into the program will be required to successfully complete each of the following courses for graduation:

Freshman	Fall Semester	Hours
RCT 1223	Patient Assessment & Planning	3
RCT 1214	Respiratory Care Science	4
RCT 1313	Cardiopulmonary A & P	3
RCT 1416	Respiratory Care Technology I	6
Total Hours		16
Freshman	Spring Semester	
RCT 1613	Pharmacology	3
RCT 1514	Clinical I	4
RCT 2333	Cardiopulmonary Pathology	3
RCT 1424	Respiratory Care Technology II	4
RCT 1322	Pulmonary Function Testing	2
Total Hours		16
Sophomore	Summer Semester	
RCT 2613	Neonatal / Pediatrics	3
RCT 2433	Respiratory Care Technology III	3
RCT 1522	Clinical II	2
Total Hours		8
Sophomore	Fall Semester	
RCT 2534	Clinical III	4
RCT 2545	Clinical IV	5
RCT 2713	Respiratory Care Seminar	3
Total Hours		12
Total Professional Phase Hours		52
Total Pre-requisite Hours		23
Total Credit Hours		75
Associate Applied Science Degree Awarded		