

The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Respiratory Care degree utilizes didactic, clinical, and high-fidelity simulation opportunities to expose students to the skills needed to care for patients with heart and lung disorders as a trained respiratory therapist.

Upon graduation from FSCJ and completion of the required Therapist Multiple Choice Examination (TMC) and Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE), students are eligible to earn the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) or the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentials.

Beginning in Summer 2022, students will enter the prerequisite phase of the program (conditional offer) until they complete all admissions requirements.

Please note that admission to the professional-level Respiratory Care courses/program is highly competitive.

Program Requirements

Prerequisites

The following courses must be completed with a grade of C or better before the application deadline.

- MAC 1105 - College Algebra 3
 - or higher-level MAC prefix course
 - or MAP 2302 - Differential Equations 3
 - or MGF 1106 - Topics in College Mathematics 3
 - or MGF 1107 - Explorations in Mathematics 3
 - or STA 2023 - Elementary Statistics 3
- Social and Behavioral Sciences Credit Hours: 3
 - POS 2041 – American Federal Government 3
 - or AMH 2020 – United States History From 1877 to the Present 3
- Humanities Credit Hours: 3
 - ARH 2000-Art in the Humanities 3
 - or PHI 2010-Philosophy in the Humanities 3
 - or MUL 2019-Music in the Humanities 3

- or LIT 2000 Literature in the Humanities 3
- or HUM 2020-Topics in the Humanities 3
- or THE 2000-Theatre in the Humanities 3
- BSC 2085C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4
- BSC 2086C - Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
- ENC 1101 - English Composition I 3
 - or ENC 1101C - English Composition I Enhanced 4
 - or ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts 3

Please review this checklist. If you answer yes to every item and have submitted transcripts to support your course completions, you could be ready for review and ranking for consideration for admittance to the professional phase of the Respiratory Care program.

CHECKLIST

- Submit official non-FSCJ transcripts to the College before the published application deadline for the term you wish to begin, if applicable.
- Submit official A.P., I.B., AICE, CLEP and/or DSST score reports to the College before the published application deadline for the term you wish to begin, if applicable. (A.P. – Advanced Placement, I.B. – International Baccalaureate, AICE – University of Cambridge)
- Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or better by the published program deadline for the term you wish to begin. A GPA of 2.0 must be maintained.
 - MAC 1105 - College Algebra 3
 - or higher-level MAC prefix course
 - or MAP 2302 - Differential Equations 3
 - or MGF 1106 - Topics in College Mathematics 3
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 - or STA 2023 - Elementary Statistics 3
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 - or ENC 1102 - Writing About Texts 3
- Submit any additional documents to support your application the HCIC at HCIC@FSCJ.edu by the application deadline.
 - Work Verification letters should include the following:
 - Typed on company letterhead
 - Dates of employment
 - Health related duties
 - Number of hours worked per week
 - Documentation of CPR/BLS certification from the **American Heart Association**
 - Emails containing supporting documents should be sent to the HCIC@FSCJ.edu email address and contain the following
 - Program of study, term, and application attachment in the subject line
 - Student name and ID number in the body of the message
 - Documents included as attachments

If you answered no to any of the above checklist items, please meet with an academic advisor to discuss your education plan and next steps.

COMPETITIVE REVIEW PROCESS

Students are ready for review by the admissions committee upon completion of all checklist requirements. The committee uses the Associate in Science in Respiratory Care Ranking Criteria below to review and rank candidates for admittance consideration. Please note that the admission process is highly competitive.

Grade Point Average: Applicants must earn a grade of C or better in each prerequisite course and have an overall minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.0. Completion of General Education coursework will allow applicants to achieve additional points.

Respiratory Care Ranking Rubric			Max Points
Overall Cumulative GPA (Minimum requirement 2.0)			50
Overall GPA		Points	
2.00-2.49		10	
2.50-2.99		15	
3.00-3.49		30	
3.50-4.00		50	
A grade of 'C' or better in all RET prerequisite courses			100
Course Grade		Points	
A		5 per Credit Hour	
B		3 per Credit Hour	
C		1 per Credit Hour	
Required Prerequisite Courses:			
Course Title	Course Code	Credit Hours	
English Composition I	ENC 1101	3	
Anatomy & Physiology I	BSC 2085C	4	
Anatomy & Physiology II	BSC 2086C	4	
Mathematics	General Education Requirements	3	
Humanities	ARH 2000 or PHI 2010 or MUL 2010 or LIT 2000 or HUM 2020 or THE 2000	3	
United States History From 1877 to the Present or American Federal Government	AMH 2020 or POS 2041	3	
Bonus Points			
Additional General Education Courses A=5pts B=3pts C=1pts			15
Additional Courses: Not a required prerequisite			
Course Title	Course Code		
Micro Course	MCBxxxx		
Chemistry Course	CHMxxxx		
Other Medical Courses			

(Ex) Medical Terminology	HSC 1531	
Previous Degree	Points	15
Associate in Arts	6	
Baccalaureate	10	
Master's Degree or Higher	15	
CPR Certification for Health Care Providers		10
American Heart Association Only	Points	
CPR/BLS Provider Card	10	
Note: Only receive points if completed in April or May of application year.		
Health Related Work Experience		10
Years	Points	
1	2	
2	5	
3	7	
> 4	10	
Total Possible Points		200