

Respiratory Care

Program Location:

Canton Campus

Program Start:

Program begins every Spring Semester

STEP 1: Apply to the College First

Prior to applying to the Respiratory Care program, all prospective students must first apply via the website to the college, be admitted, and have a student ID number.

STEP 2: View Program Information Session – Mandatory

Applicants must view the program video in order to submit the program application. The video is located on our website by following these steps to reach the program page. Applications will be reviewed by end of the Fall Semester.

- Academics
- Health Sciences
- Therapy Professions
- Respiratory Therapist

STEP 3: Complete Required Pre-Admission Coursework

Applicants must complete all required pre-admission courses listed below by the end of the Fall Semester prior to program entry.

STEP 4: Final Class Selection

Final class selection for the Respiratory Care Program occurs during the months of November and December. Applicants are ranked using the program's admission criteria, and selected students are notified by the School of Health Sciences. Students offered admission must complete all required onboarding and clinical compliance requirements prior to program entry.

Competitive Respiratory Care Program Admission

Students applying to the Respiratory Care Program must be fully admitted to the college and have all official transcripts submitted and evaluated for transfer credit by the end of the Fall Semester.

The Respiratory Care Program follows a competitive admission process. Applicants are ranked using a point-based system that evaluates academic performance in required coursework, ATI TEAS scores, and successful completion of prerequisite requirements. Admission is granted to the highest-ranking applicants based on total points earned.

Refer to the **Respiratory Care Admission Points Criteria Sheet** for detailed information regarding point distribution and scoring.

All students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be considered for admission.

Required Pre-Admission Coursework

Complete the following pre-admission courses with a grade of “C” or higher by **the end of the Fall Semester**. If a course is taken more than once, the attempt with the highest grade will be accepted.

Required courses worth points for competitive admissions:

Course	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 2113	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL 2114	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL 2117	Introductory Microbiology	3
BIOL 2117L	Introductory Microbiology Lab	1
CHEM 1211	Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1211L	Chemistry I Lab	1
MATH 1111	College Algebra*	3

*Trigonometry (MATH 1112), Pre-Calculus (MATH 1113) or Calculus I (MATH 1131) may be substituted for College Algebra.

Required courses that do not earn points towards competitive admissions:

Course	Course Name	Credit
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3
ENG 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
Humanities Elective	Select one: ENGL 2110, ENGL 2130, HUMN 1101, ARTS 1101, MUSC 1101, MUSC 2040, THEA 1101	3

ATI TEAS (Version 7) Requirement

Applicants must take the ATI TEAS (Version 7) by the last day of November and achieve a minimum total adjusted score of 70. Students may take the TEAS two times per calendar year with a 30-day waiting period between attempts. Scores remain valid for five years. **ATI TEAS test must be taken at a Chattahoochee Technical College campus.** TEAS Scores already on file with Health Sciences Admissions from *last year's 2025* admit applications will be accepted even if not taken on campus.

Immunizations

Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as a condition for general admission or enrollment; however, immunizations are required for students admitted to the Respiratory Care Program in order to participate in clinical education experiences with affiliated healthcare partners.

Students will not be permitted to attend clinical rotations unless all required immunizations and health documentation are completed and verified according to the policies of the assigned clinical facility. All required vaccinations, health screenings, and documentation must be completed prior to the start of clinical practice experiences.

Students participating in clinical education are required to comply with all clinical facility policies, including immunization requirements, background checks, drug screenings, and other health-related documentation. Clinical site requirements are determined by the healthcare facilities and may change without notice or input from the College. Students must remain in compliance with all clinical partner requirements throughout the program.

Final Class Selection

Admission to the Respiratory Care Program is competitive and based on the total number of admission points earned by applicants. Students with the highest admission point totals will be selected for program acceptance.

Applicants who are accepted into the program will receive an official acceptance notification sent to their Chattahoochee Technical College student email account. The acceptance letter will include details regarding a mandatory program orientation, which all accepted students must attend.

Once accepted, the student's program of study will be officially changed to Respiratory Care in the college student information system.

Academic Advisement

Students should email an Academic Advisor with questions about admission criteria or to schedule an advisement appointment. For a list of Academic Advisors visit the [Office of Academic Advisement](#) webpage.

Respiratory Therapy Observation / Shadowing Hours

Applicants may complete Respiratory Therapy observation or job shadowing hours in order to gain exposure to the profession and healthcare environment.

All observation hours must be submitted on or before the last day of November in order to

receive admission point consideration. Observation documentation received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Applicants should review the Respiratory Therapy Observation Hour Criteria Form for detailed instructions regarding approved observation sites, required documentation, and submission procedures.

Accreditation Information

The Respiratory Care Program at Chattahoochee Technical College will seek accreditation through the:

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)
264 Precision Blvd.
Telford, TN 37690

Phone: 817-283-2835
Email: info@coarc.com
Website: <https://coarc.com>

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) accredits respiratory therapy education programs in the United States to ensure that programs meet established standards of quality and prepare graduates for entry into professional respiratory care practice.