

Health Sciences Program Admissions Guide

Respiratory Care Program

Program: Respiratory Care (RC)

Credential(s) Awarded: Respiratory Care Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Webpage: <https://www.chattahoocheetech.edu/health-sciences/respiratory-care.html>

Program Location: Canton Campus

Admissions Format: Competitive Admissions. Applicants are ranked according to total admission points, and the applicants with the highest total points are offered available seats. Admission decisions sent via Chatt Tech student email, typically in December each year.

Course Enrollment and Schedule: Closed enrollment, fixed sequence. Only students accepted to the RC Program can enroll in RESP courses. RESP courses are taken in a fixed, pre-determined sequence each semester. Schedule is full-time, Monday – Friday. Classes primarily in person with some hybrid/online portions.

Program Length: Program is designed to be completed in a total of 7 or 8 semesters, including pre-requisites and occupational coursework.

Pre-requisites Courses: Recommended 2 or 3 semesters, 28 credits. Program prerequisite courses can be completed at any campus and in any order that follows college prerequisite requirements.

Occupational Coursework: Required 5 semesters, 50 credits. Occupational courses are completed in a fixed, pre-determined sequence.

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Steps to Apply to Respiratory Care Program

Step 1: Apply to Chattahoochee Tech and be accepted.

Go to the [College Admissions webpage](#) to apply.

Student 900# and email address are required to apply to Health Sciences programs (Step 2).

Step 2: Apply to the specific Health Sciences Program.

Go to the [Respiratory Care Program webpage](#) to apply.

Watch the Required Program Information Video before applying.

Application Open: November 01

Application Close: Last day of Fall Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Step 3: Meet all admissions criteria by the published deadlines.

Strongly recommended to collaborate with an [Academic Advisor](#).

See [Admissions Points Checklist](#) for summary. See this document for details.

Must be age 18 years or older at time of program admission.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their record is complete and accurate.

Prerequisite coursework grades are reported in DegreeWorks/Banner.

ATI TEAS Scores are reported directly by ATI.

Carefully follow instructions to submit optional items.

For assistance email Health Sciences Admission at HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu

Fall Semester Deadline Items

Deadline for these items is the last day of Fall Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Required Prerequisite Coursework – Admission Points

Points are awarded for these courses using the criteria described for each item. A grade of C or higher is required for all courses. Courses taken during Fall Semester will meet this deadline.

#	Course Requirement	Points
1	Area III: Natural Sciences/Mathematics Minimum MATH 1111*. If MATH 1111 AND one or more of the listed courses is completed, the highest grade across all attempts will be used to award points.	MATH 1111, MATH 1113, MATH 1131, MATH 1132 A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
2	BIOL 2113 Anatomy and Physiology I	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
3	BIOL 2113L Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points
4	BIOL 2114 Anatomy and Physiology II	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
5	BIOL 2114L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points
6	BIOL 2117 Introductory Microbiology	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
7	BIOL 2117L Introductory Microbiology Lab I	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points
8	CHEM 1211 Chemistry I	A = 40 points, B = 35 points, C = 30 points
9	CHEM 1211L Chemistry I Lab	A = 30 points, B = 25 points, C = 20 points

***Important Note:** Health Sciences Admissions criteria consider multiple courses in Area III to award admission points, but you must have passing credit for courses MATH 1111 to meet the requirements for this degree. If necessary, contact the [Records Office](#) to review your records.

Required Prerequisite Coursework – No Points

These courses are required but are not considered for admission points. A grade of C or higher is required for all courses. Courses taken during Fall Semester will meet this deadline.

#	Course	Points
1	PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
2	ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher
3	Humanities Elective (3 credits) See College Catalog or an Academic Advisor for course selection.	Met/Not Met; no points, grade of C or higher

Fall Transfer Credit

If coursework is completed at another institution during Fall Semester, please transfer the credit promptly to avoid errors with your application. If you experience a delay, email Health Sciences Admission at HealthSciences.Admission@chattahoocheetech.edu to assist with your application.

Prerequisite High School Transfer Credit

High School Transfer credit is considered to meet ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, and PSYC 1101 courses only. Letter grade and points are awarded on the following criteria:

Highschool Credit	Scale
Advanced Placement (AP)	Minimum score is 3. 3 = C, 4 = B, 5 = A.
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Minimum score is 4. 4 or 5 = C, 6 = B, 7 = A
College Level Examination Program (CLEP)	Minimum score is 50. All scores 50 and above = C.

Required ATI TEAS Standardized Test – Fall Deadline

Item	Points
ATI TEAS Version 7	• Must be taken in person at a Chatt Tech college campus • Minimum required score = 70.00 • Points awarded equal 50% of composite score, maximum 50.00 points.

ATI TEAS test must be taken in person at a Chattahoochee Technical College campus. A student may take the ATI TEAS two (2) times in a calendar year and must wait a minimum of 30 calendar days between attempts. The ATI TEAS score is valid for five years.

The ATI TEAS is a standardized test that measures the student's ability in math, reading, grammar, and science. A study guide and practice test can be purchased at ATI. The ATI TEAS is available through the [Chattahoochee Technical College's Testing Center](#).

Deadline to take the ATI TEAS is the last day of Fall Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Note: After you complete the ATI TEAS on a Chattahoochee Technical College campus, scores will automatically be reported. You do not need to submit scores with your application.

Optional Observation Hours – Fall Deadline

Observation hours are not required but can earn additional points towards application. Students may earn 10 optional points by completing observation hours by the deadline. See Instructions for Observation Hours in this document for instructions. Incomplete hours or documentation submitted after the deadline will not earn points. Hours may be verified by the program.

All documentation must be submitted using the link on the program webpage, “Respiratory Care Optional Observation Hours Submission”. Documents are uploaded via the college’s Etrieve Platform. Carefully follow the instructions provided on the form.

Please note: paper or email documentation will no longer be accepted. All documentation must be submitted electronically using the link provided on the program webpage. The only exception is documentation previously submitted during the 2026 application cycle and already on file with Health Sciences Admission.

Observation hours submitted with the 2026 application cycle and currently on file with Health Sciences Admissions will be accepted. Observation hours submitted for the 2025 application cycle or earlier will not be accepted.

Deadline to submit Optional Items is the last day of Fall Semester (A/C Terms) as listed on the [college calendar](#).

Competitive Admissions Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie in total admissions points, the following criteria will be used to determine admission.

1. The applicant with the higher total GPA of all pre-requisite courses will be ranked higher.
2. If a tie remains, the applicant with the higher BIOL GPA will be ranked higher
3. If a tie remains, the applicant with the higher Science GPA will be ranked higher

Admissions Points Checklist – RC Program

Fall Semester Deadline Items		
Item	Available Points	My Points
Submit a Program Application. Application Open: November 01 Application Close: Last day Fall Semester on the college calendar	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Watch Required Program Information Video	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Minimum GPA of 2.0 for all Fall Semester Deadline courses	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
ATI TEAS, taken on campus at Chatt Tech. Minimum score = 70.00	50% of composite score, Max 50.00 points	/50
Area III: Minimum MATH 1111	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2113	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2113L	Max 30 points	/30
BIOL 2114	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2114L	Max 30 points	/30
BIOL 2117	Max 40 points	/40
BIOL 2117L	Max 30 points	/30
CHEM 1211	Max 40 points	/40
CHEM 1211L	Max 30 points	/30
Optional Observation Hours	Optional: Max 10 points	/10
PSYC 1101	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
ENGL 1101	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
Humanities Elective	Required, no points	Met / Not Met
	Total Possible Points: 380	/380

Course Information – Respiratory Care Program

Recommended Prerequisite Course Sequence

The program does accept transfer credit for prerequisite courses taken at other institutions. See [Transfer Credit](#) webpage. Students are recommended to follow one of the sequences listed below.

Prerequisite Course Sequence 1 (2 semesters)

Semester 1	Semester 2
ENGL 1101 (3 credits)	BIOL 2114 (3 credits)
MATH 1111 (3 credits)	BIOL 2114L (1 credit)
BIOL 2113 (3 credits)	CHEM 1211 (3 credits)
BIOL 2113L (1 credit)	CHEM 1211L (1 credit)
PSYC 1101 (3 credits)	BIOL 2117 (3 credits)
	BIOL 2117L (1 credit)
	Humanities Elective (3 credits)
Total: 13 credits	Total: 15 credits

Prerequisite Course Sequence 2 (3 semesters)

Semester 1	Semester 2
ENGL 1101 (3 credits)	BIOL 2114 (3 credits)
MATH 1111 (3 credits)	BIOL 2114L (1 credit)
BIOL 2113 (3 credits)	BIOL 2117 (3 credits)
BIOL 2113L (1 credit)	BIOL 2117L (1 credit)
Total: 10 credits	Total: 8 credits
Semester 3	
CHEM 1211 (3 credits)	
CHEM 1211L (1 credit)	
PSYC 1101 (3 credits)	
Humanities Elective (3 credits)	
Total: 10 credits	

Required Occupational Course Sequence

Occupational coursework must be taken in the required, predetermined sequence. The program does NOT accept transfer credit for Occupational courses taken at other institutions. See the College Catalog for course descriptions.

Semester 1 - Spring	Semester 2 - Summer
RESP 1110 Respiratory Care Pharmacology	RESP 1130 Respiratory Care Lab
RESP 1193 Respiratory Anatomy & Physiology	RESP 2110 Pulmonary Disease
RESP 1120 Intro to Respiratory Care	RESP 2090 Clinical Practice I
	RESP 2100 Clinical Practice II
Total credits: 10	Total credits: 11
Semester 3 - Fall	Semester 4 - Spring
RESP 2120 Critical Care Respiratory	RESP 2160 Neonatal/Pediatric Resp Care
RESP 2130 Mechanical Vent. Airway Management	RESP 2140 Advance Critical Care Monitoring
RESP 2130L Mechanical Vent. Airway Management Lab	RESP 2140L Advance Critical Care Monitoring Lab
RESP 2180 Clinical Practice III	RESP 2190 Clinical Practice IV
Total credits: 10	Total credits: 9
Semester 5 - Summer	
RESP 2150 Pulmonary Function Testing	
RESP 2170 Advance Respiratory Care Seminar	
RESP 2200 Clinical Practice	
RESP 2220 Clinical Practice	
RESP 2270 Rehabilitation and Home Care	
Total credits: 10	

Total Degree Credit Hours: 78

Respiratory Care Optional Observation Hours Instructions

Purpose

- A firsthand understanding of the daily responsibilities of a respiratory therapist.
- To receive exposure to patient care procedures, respiratory equipment, and clinical workflow in a hospital setting.
- Opportunity to observe respiratory therapy services such as oxygen therapy, ventilator management, aerosol treatments, and patient assessments.
- An informed perspective to confirm interest in the respiratory care profession.

Requirements

- Twelve (12) observation hours must be completed in a hospital respiratory therapy department under supervision of a licensed respiratory therapist (CRT or RRT).
- Observation must be completed within 12 months prior to the application deadline.
- Observation hours are all-or-nothing; partial hours will not be accepted.
- All experiences must be documented on the official Respiratory Care Observation Verification Form and signed by the supervising therapist.
- Dress Code: medical scrubs or business casual attire. Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, leggings, and open-toed shoes are not permitted.
- Applicants must comply with all hospital confidentiality and infection control policies.

Instructions to Complete Hours

- Print the Respiratory Care Observation Verification Form from this document.
- Contact a hospital respiratory therapy department to request observation permission, and complete at least 12 hours of observation.
- Have the supervising therapist complete and sign the verification form.

Instructions to Submit Observation Hours

- All documentation must be submitted using the link on the program webpage, “Respiratory Care Optional Observation Hours Submission”. Documents are uploaded via the college’s Etrieve Platform. Carefully follow the instructions provided on the form.
- Observation Hours that are verified by program faculty will earn optional points.

Participating Observation Sites

- Applicants may complete their observation at any hospital or facility that can fulfill the requirements of this form. The following facilities have previously agreed to accept observation students from Chattahoochee Technical College:
- Piedmont Cartersville Hospital: Contact Doug Malick at douglas.malick@piedmont.org to schedule.
- Northside Cherokee Hospital: Various Locations Contact: job.shadow@northside.com
- Wellstar at Various Locations: Contact: Visit www.wellstar.org/volunteer and select your desired hospital/College Volunteers. Complete the online application and include in your comments that you are a Chattahoochee Respiratory Shadowing Student.

Respiratory Care Observation Hours Verification Form

Student Observer Complete This Section

Student Name:

Student ID# (900#):

Date(s) of Observation:

Total Hours Completed:

Facility Name:

Department Observed: Respiratory Therapy

Supervising Therapist Name:

Therapist Credentials (CRT/RRT):

Therapist Contact Email/Phone:

Supervising Therapist Complete This Section

Please indicate Yes or No for each statement. Applicants will receive points only if all responses are marked "Yes".

Observed respiratory therapy procedures	☐ Yes	☐ No
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Applicant presented professional behavior	☐ Yes	☐ No
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Applicant arrived on time	☐ Yes	☐ No
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Applicant demonstrated interest in patient care	☐ Yes	☐ No
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Applicant showed enthusiasm toward the profession	☐ Yes	☐ No
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Acknowledgement and Signatures

Supervising Therapist Verification

I verify that the applicant named above has completed twelve (12) hours of observation in the Respiratory Therapy department listed and conducted themselves in accordance with professional standards.

Therapist Signature

Date:

Applicant Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have completed twelve (12) hours of observation as described above. I understand that observation hours are optional and that I will receive Ten (10) bonus points toward competitive admission only if all evaluation items above are marked "Yes". I acknowledge that hours may be verified by program faculty.

Applicant Signature:

Date:
