

Respiratory Therapist

Career Program at Danville Area Community College

Respiratory therapists work to evaluate, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. They perform special tests to measure lung capacity and the levels of oxygen, carbon dioxide and pH in the blood. They connect and monitor people on ventilators, and perform physiotherapy to clear the lungs of mucus.

DACC offers this program through a shared cooperative program with Parkland College. It is a flexible program with different options for students. Examples are: a) Students may enroll for the entire program at Parkland College; b) Students may schedule support classes at DACC and Respiratory Care classes at Parkland College, and c) Students may choose to take all their support classes at DACC and Respiratory Care course work at DACC via interactive video.

Most of the clinical work can be done at Provena United Samaritans Medical Center. Students, if they desire, can find part-time work in Respiratory Care while they are attending classes. Respiratory Care employment outlook is excellent; there is a tremendous shortage of skilled therapists.

Job/Employment Information:

Where Can You Find a Job? Most respiratory therapists work in hospitals where they perform intensive care, critical care, and neonatal procedures. They are typically a vital part of the hospital's lifesaving response team that handles patient emergencies. An increasing number of respiratory therapists are now working in skilled nursing facilities, physicians' offices, home health agencies, specialized care hospitals, medical equipment supply companies, and patients' homes.

Expected Salary Range: \$33,689-\$48,411. For the most current salary information visit www.ilworkinfo.com.

Job Prospects: In the nation and the state, employment for respiratory therapists is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2010 because of a substantial growth in the middle-aged and elderly population, a development that will heighten the incidence of cardiopulmonary disease.

Visit our website at www.dacc.edu or contact us at 217-443-DACC (3222) for more information. TDD/TTY 217-443-8701.



Health Care



STEPS TO REGISTER:

1. Application
2. Placement Test
3. Register

WAYS TO PAY:

1. Pay in full with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard
2. Student Financial Aid. Eligibility must be determined by payment due date.
3. FACTS Payment Plan. (Interest Free!)
4. Apply for Athletic and/or Academic Scholarships.
5. Employer paid or other third party payment such as JTP, TAA, etc.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC COURSES:

Check out the DACC website under www.dacc.edu to find out what specific courses you will be taking for this program of study.

Courses are offered in many different formats to meet individual schedules: Day, Evening, Weekend, Traditional, Online, Video or Interactive Video.

WHO TO CALL:

Admissions/Registration	443-8800
Advisement/Counseling	443-8750
Assessment Center	443-8708
Bookstore	443-8759
Career Services Center	443-8597
Child Development Center	443-8833
Financial Aid	443-8761
GED/ESL/Adult Ed	443-8782
General Information	443-3222
Orientation	443-8750
Student Support Services	443-8853

Please come visit the DACC Campus!
Call 443-8750 to schedule a tour.

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