

The OCC Respiratory Therapy Program is offered at the Southfield Campus.

Selection into the Respiratory Therapy Program requires that certain procedures must be followed and academic requirements fulfilled. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission into the Respiratory Therapy Program. Previous respiratory therapy education will not be accepted for course work.

Respiratory Therapy Program courses are sequential and must be completed in the sequence shown since they are offered only once a year, beginning in the Fall Session. The program is completed in five semesters.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE  
FALL SESSION – 15 WEEKS**

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
RSP 1220	Introduction to Respiratory Care.....	4
RSP 2230	Cardiopulmonary Structure and Function.....	3
RSP 2240	Pharmacology for Respiratory Therapy.....	3

**WINTER SESSION – 15 WEEKS**

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
RSP 2250	Floor Therapy Equipment and Procedures.....	3
RSP 2260	Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology.....	2
RSP 2290	Diagnostic Testing.....	3

**SUMMER SEMESTER – 15 WEEKS**

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
RSP 2270	Clinical Practice I.....	4
RSP 2310	Critical Care Management and Procedures.....	4

**FALL SEMESTER – 15 WEEKS**

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
RSP 2326	Clinical Practice II .....	6
RSP 2350	Advanced Clinical Applications.....	3

**WINTER SESSION – 15 WEEKS**

CODE	TITLE	CREDITS
RSP 2360	Clinical Practice III.....	6
RSP 2370	Registry Review Seminar.....	2

**PROGRAM GOAL:**

The goal of the Oakland Community College Respiratory Therapy Program is to prepare students to be competent respiratory therapists.

**Standard #1A** - Upon completion of this program graduates will demonstrate that they have acquired the knowledge (cognitive domain elements) required to function as respiratory therapists.

**Standard #1B:** Upon completion of this program graduates will demonstrate proficiency in performing the skills (elements of the psychomotor domain) necessary for a respiratory therapist.

**Standard #1C:** Upon completion of this program, graduates will demonstrate effective personal interaction and communication skills, and professional behavior as expected of a respiratory therapist (pertaining to affective domain areas).

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

The following are the core proficiencies and professional standards for the health professions and technologies programs at Oakland Community College:

- **Reading/Writing/Math Skills**
- **Personal Responsibility**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Interpersonal**
- **Communication**
- **Informational Literacy**
- **Physical requirements**
- **Hearing**
- **Visual**
- **Manual dexterity**
- **Mental Acuity and Focus**
- **Learning Application**

Please see the descriptions for these standards on our website at: [www.oaklandcc.edu/health/respiratory-therapy](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/health/respiratory-therapy).

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION:**

- Students must receive passing grades (grade “C” or better) in every required course (General Education and Respiratory Therapy - 85 credits) to graduate from the program.
- Each student must obtain a passing score on the NBRC Comprehensive Self-Assessment Therapist Multiple Choice Exam (TMC) one semester prior to the anticipated date of graduation.
- Students must obtain a passing score on all competency assessments and clinical summary evaluations in each clinical rotation.



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**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Associate Degree in**  
**Respiratory Therapy (RSP)**  
**Program Information**



The Oakland Community College Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)\*. This program is designed to prepare practitioners to enter the professional practice of respiratory care.

Respiratory therapists are members of a team of health care professionals who work in a wide variety of clinical settings to evaluate, treat, and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists provide an extensive range of patient care which includes clinical decision-making and patient education. The scope of practice includes: performing patient assessment, evaluating clinical data, establishing therapeutic goals, providing respiratory care treatments, monitoring patient responses to such therapy, obtaining blood samples and managing patients on life support.

Graduates of the Respiratory Therapy Program apply to the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) to take two credentialing exams; the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) exam and the Clinical Simulation Exam (CSE). Upon successful completion of both exams the graduate is granted the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

Upon successful completion of the NBRC TMC exam, the graduate will apply to the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care for a license. The state will obtain a new, separate criminal background check, including FBI fingerprinting. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may preclude eligibility for licensure. For more information, visit the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care at <http://www.michigan.gov/lara/>

\*CoARC: 1248 Harwood Rd Bedford, Texas 76021-4244 [www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com) , 817 283-2835 fax 817-354-8519

## Admission Procedures and Requirements

To be eligible for the Respiratory Therapy Program, the applicant must have completed the following by **December 15**:

1. Attend an information session held each semester. **(Information can be found on the website at: [www.oaklandcc.edu/health/respiratory-therapy](http://www.oaklandcc.edu/health/respiratory-therapy))**
2. Proof of high school graduation or GED.
3. A current “RSP” curriculum designation and an accurate address and phone number must be completed on a Change of Data form at any campus Enrollment Services Department.
4. Designate Southfield as the home campus. Students who currently do not have a Southfield designation must file a Change of Data form at any campus Enrollment Services Department.
5. An OCC transcript evaluation if transferring college level courses. An official transcript must be sent from any previously attended institution(s) to:  
Registrar’s Office  
Oakland Community College  
2480 Opdyke Road  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
6. Written approval of any course substitution. All course substitution requests are initiated through the Southfield Counseling Department and must be approved by the Dean of Nursing, Health Professions and Technologies.
7. A completed OCC record. “I” (Incomplete) grades must be completed by the end of the Winter semester.
8. A grade “C” or better in all required supportive courses and an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.
9. HESI admission assessment (A2) exam completed at OCC. Minimum composite score of 75% on each section, achieved during the same testing session. One retake permitted; fees are assessed for each attempt. See the web page for details. (Applicants for 2014 or later)
10. Completion of BIO 1570 or BIO 2710; BIO 2630; BIO 2640; CHE 1000 or CHE 1510; and MAT 1100 or higher, with 2.0 or better grade within five years of the start of the fall respiratory therapy courses. The five-year period dates from the session during which the course was taken and closes at the first session in which the student is enrolled in the respiratory therapy program.

11. A completed application signed by a counselor at the Southfield Campus.
12. Students wishing to be considered for admission **must** submit a completed Application to the Respiratory Therapy Department no later than **December 15**.
13. Attend a record review with the program faculty.
14. Students who have applied by **December 15** will receive a letter (December or January) directing them to make an appointment for a record review session.
15. Selection will occur after record reviews are completed with all students.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Eligible applicants to the Respiratory Therapy Program who have fulfilled the admission procedures and have completed all of the following courses with a “C” or better grade:

BIO 1570 or BIO 2710	Fine Arts/Humanities*
BIO 2630	MAT 1100 or higher
BIO 2640	MDA 1350
CHE 1000 or CHE 1510	MED 1103
CIS 1000 or CIS 1050	PER*
ENG 1510	POL 1510
ENG 1520 or ENG 2200	PSY 2510

*\*Fine Arts and Humanities and PER classes must be selected from courses that satisfy the General Education Requirements (see college catalog).*
2. Students will be scored on three criteria: GPA of the required supportive English, Math, Biology and Chemistry courses, the number of required supportive English, Math, Biology and Chemistry courses repeated, and the number of required supportive English, Math, Biology and Chemistry courses transferred to OCC.
3. In the case of a tie the earliest completion date will be used to break the tie.
4. In case of another tie, the total number of courses completed at OCC will be used to break the tie.

All applicants will be notified no later than **March 15**. Any student selected for admission who does not pay by the Touch\* Tone payment due date after being registered by the Respiratory Therapy Department for the respiratory therapy course(s) will forfeit his/her place and the student next in line will be admitted.

Students who wish to be considered for selection in subsequent years must submit a new application to the Respiratory Therapy Department no later than **December 15**.

## ADMISSION AND RETENTION REQUIREMENTS

*Any student who does not comply with these requirements, prior to the start of instruction will be denied entrance to the program.*

**1. Criminal Background Check:** All selected students must undergo a criminal history check at the student’s expense, including fingerprinting, to verify that they are eligible for admission to the program. **Either of the following will preclude eligibility for admission:**

- A felony or any attempt to commit a felony within the fifteen (15) years immediately preceding the date of the criminal history check; or
- A misdemeanor within ten (10) years immediately preceding the criminal history check.

**2. Moreover, any enrolled student in the program who is arrested for any felony or misdemeanor (**including, but not limited to, misdemeanor or felony traffic violations i.e. Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol – OUIL, Operating While Impaired – OWI, etc.**) must contact the Program Director within 72 hours of the arrest. Pending verification of the violation, the Program Director, in consultation with the Dean of Nursing and Health Professions, will then decide further subsequent needed actions related to continued status. A felony or misdemeanor conviction will preclude continued enrollment in the program.**

**Drug Screening:** The program follows and enforces the Oakland Community College and the clinical affiliate’s policy for maintaining a drug-free campus and work place. Therefore, a negative result for a urine drug screen test (no drugs found) is a requirement for admission into the program. All students selected for admission must submit to a urine test (at their own expense) and must be drug free in order to be eligible for admission.

If the result of the drug test comes back indicating that the urine sample is too dilute to measure, not completed by the deadline or otherwise unreadable, the student must submit a hair sample for testing at the student’s expense. A “positive” drug screen result will preclude eligibility for admission to the program.

**Note:** Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may preclude eligibility for state licensure. For more information contact the Michigan Board of Respiratory Care.