



Respiratory Therapy Associate of Applied Science Degree Plan

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The Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) [<http://www.coarc.com/> 1248 Harwood Rd., Bedford, TX 76021, (817) 283-2835] Program # 200455. **Please refer to the current Catalog for detailed degree plan information.**

Advisor's Notes/Recommendations:

- The AA.S. Degree in Respiratory Therapy transfers into a Bachelors of Applied Arts and Science Degree program at ENMU.
- Student must have an ENMU Campus System cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in order to meet graduation requirements.
- Submit a Graduation Application before the close of the semester preceding the expected completion date.

Program Requirements:

- Read the ENMU-Roswell catalog. Students enter or reenter the Respiratory Therapy Program under the catalog in effect at the time of admission or readmission to the program
- **Contact an advisor in the Respiratory Therapy Program.**
- Enrollment in the program is limited. Admission into the Respiratory Therapy Program will be based on the following criterion:
 - ✓ All students must have the approval of the Respiratory Therapy Program Director
 - ✓ All students must meet all prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better
 - ✓ Enrollment is based on a "first come", "first serve" basis
- Students are required to attend out-of-town clinical sessions. The sessions will be require travel, lodging and food costs at the student's expense
- The New Mexico Respiratory Therapy Practice Act provides for possible denial of licensure to persons convicted of a felony or who are in violation of the Parental Responsibility Act. Some clinical sites may require background checks and drug testing.
- Respiratory Therapy is a physically demanding career in which the practitioner may be exposed to a variety of illnesses. It is recommended that admitted students arrange to have the Hepatitis B vaccine. Proof of health status tests/immunizations is the responsibility of the admitted student and must be submitted prior to the first day of respiratory classes each fall semester. Appropriate forms will be given to students upon admission to the program.
- MANDATORY DRUG SCREENING and BACKGROUND CHECKS are required during the first week of the program and will be scheduled by the Division of Health faculty. Students must pass the mandatory drug screening to remain in the program. Appeals can be made according to the process outlined in the Student Handbook. **The New Mexico Respiratory Therapy Practice Act provides for possible denial of licensure to persons convicted of a felony or who are in violation of the Parental Responsibility Act. Some clinical sites may require background checks and drug testing.**
- RCP Program courses sequence must be taken based on the RCP program director's recommendations. Failure to successfully complete a course requires reapplication to the program. This process includes readmission on a probationary status, and includes testing of all previous competencies and coursework (which must be passed in order to be allowed to continue).
- **prerequisite courses:** All of the courses listed below are offered on an open enrollment basis. They MUST be completed with a grade of "C" or better **prior to the start of the core RCP courses.**

1. **University Skills Placement Test** (students are permitted to retake this exam) and required developmental courses if necessary.
2. **Anatomy and Physiology BIOL 109** Survey of anatomy and physiology for allied health care **(3 credits) or approved substitution**
3. **English ENG 102** - English Composition (3 credits)
4. **Psychology any 3 credit Psychology course (3 credits)**
5. **Any 6 credits from the general education common core**

All of the above courses are offered on an open enrollment basis. Note: Most RCP courses are available only once in a calendar year.

Respiratory Therapy Core Curriculum (typically each new class begins in the fall semester. Classes are typically Monday through Thursday with a few exceptions in the Fall/Spring/Summer/Fall with graduation in December) all classes must be passed with a "C" or better to remain in the program.

	Credits		Credits		
First Fall semester		RCP 201/L	Advanced Assessment and Monitoring and Lab		
EMS 101	CPR (AHA BLS)	.5	6		
RCP 103	Introduction to Respiratory Therapy	5	Summer Semester		
RCP 104	Cardiopulmonary Physiology	3	RCP 202 L	Clinical Procedures III	3
RCP 105/L	Basic Therapeutics and Lab	4	RCP 203	Cardiopulmonary Disorders I	3
RCP 106	Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology	3	RCP 205	Cardiopulmonary Disorders II	3
RCP 107 L	Clinical Procedures I	3	Fall Semester		
Spring semester		RCP 204/L	Specialty Therapeutics and Lab	4	
RCP 108/L	Basic Assessment and Monitoring and Lab	4	RCP 209 L	Clinical Procedures IV	8
RCP 109 L	Clinical Procedures II	3	RCP 208	Professional Development	2
RCP 110/L	Critical Care Therapeutics and Lab	4	Graduation		

Total Credits General Education Credits: 15 Respiratory Credits: 58.5 Total Hours Required for Degree: 73.5