

## Why Respiratory Therapy?

- Respiratory Therapists work with people of all ages in emergency or critical care settings.
- With their knowledge and unique skill set, Respiratory Therapists are experts on cardiopulmonary disorders.
- Respiratory Therapy is a fast-growing field providing the opportunity for travel, competitive salaries, continued learning, diversity of work environments and the knowledge that you made a difference in someone's life.
- ENMU-Roswell's Associate of Applied Science degree program has excellent outcomes, high pass rates on national board exams, and our graduates are highly sought out by employers.



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## Program Overview

Respiratory Therapy is an exciting and rewarding highly specialized health care profession. Respiratory Therapists are health care professionals trained to be specialists in the treatment and maintenance of breathing disorders. Respiratory Therapists are the only health care professionals who are trained to care for patients who have difficulty breathing. Respiratory Therapists can assess, evaluate, and treat people of all ages with lung problems like asthma, COPD, chest trauma, and heart disease. Respiratory therapists treat virtually every patient population, and most often the most critically ill patients in the hospital.

The ENMU-Roswell Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). <http://www.coarc.com>, 1248 Harwood Rd., Bedford, TX, 76021. Phone: (817) 283-2835.

## Completion Options

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy is a four-semester program. Upon completion of the A.A.S. program, graduates can take the registry examinations given by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy transfers into a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science degree program at ENMU.

*See the current catalog for the complete degree plan. Course availability varies each program year.*

### A.A.S. - 75 credit hours

RCP 103 Introduction to Respiratory Care.....	5
RCP 104 Cardiopulmonary Physiology .....	3
RCP 105/105L Basic Therapeutics w/Lab .....	4
RCP 106 Cardiopulmonary Pharmacology .....	3
RCP 108/108L Basic Assessment/Monitoring w/Lab..	4
RCP 110/110L Critical Care Therapeutics w/Lab....	4
RCP 201/201L Adv. Assessment Monitoring w/Lab....	6
RCP 203 Cardiopulmonary Disorders - Adults.....	3
RCP 205 Cardiopulmonary Disorders - Neonatal/Pediatric....	3
RCP 204/204L Specialty Therapeutics w/Lab .....	4
RCP 208 Professional Development .....	2
RCP 251 TMC Respiratory Board Exam Review.....	1
RCP 252 CSE Respiratory Board Exam Review .....	1
RCP 107L-109L-202L-209L (hospital rotations).....	17

## Program Learning Outcomes

In addition to supporting institutional learning outcomes and building upon the foundational general education outcomes, upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the ability to comprehend, apply, analyze, and evaluate information relevant to their role as a Registered Respiratory Therapist.
- Demonstrate technical proficiency in all skills necessary to fulfill the role as a Registered Respiratory Therapist.
- Demonstrate personal behaviors consistent with professional and employer expectations for a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

## Career Outlook

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Occupational Outlook Handbook), employment of Respiratory Therapists is projected to grow 12 percent through 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. The aging population will in turn lead to an increased demand for respiratory therapy services and treatments, mostly in hospitals.



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