

I HELP PEOPLE BREATHE.

Associate in Science Degree in Respiratory Care

When you can't breathe, nothing else matters.



FSW's Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Respiratory Care will prepare you for a career as a respiratory therapist (RT).

You'll train on the same state-of-the-art technology used in local health systems, making your transition from student to professional seamless.

Upon completion of the program, you will be a registry-eligible respiratory therapist, and you'll be prepared to take the National Board for Respiratory Care Examinations.

As a Respiratory Therapist, You Will:

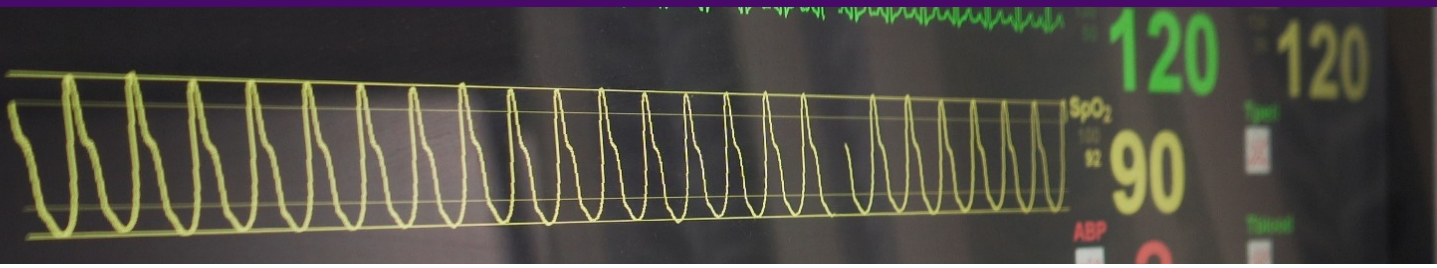
- Perform breathing treatments to open patient airways
- Look, listen, and feel to determine patient respiratory status
- Consult with physicians to recommend a change in therapy
- Analyze breath, tissue, and blood specimens to determine levels of oxygen and other gases used to identify respiratory disorders and recommend treatment methods
- Manage ventilators and artificial airway devices for patients who can't breathe normally on their own
- Respond to emergencies and urgent calls for care as a key member of the medical response team
- Educate patients and families about lung disease so they can maximize their quality of life
- Continue toward a bachelor's degree



The median annual wage for respiratory therapists was
\$80,450 in May 2024*

**United States Bureau of Labor Statistics*

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Career Outlook

Since September 2022, 68 companies have posted **398 jobs** for Respiratory Therapists in Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL.

Employment of respiratory therapists is **projected to grow 12%*** from 2024 to 2034, **much faster** than the average for all occupations.

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FSW's Respiratory Care program is a **limited-access program**. Admission criteria are available at www.FSW.edu/SOAH or by contacting AlliedHealth@fsw.edu



Where Respiratory Therapist Work

- Intensive Care Units (ICUs)
- Emergency rooms
- Newborn and pediatric units
- Patient homes
- Sleep laboratories
- Doctors' offices
- Asthma education/smoking cessation programs
- Air transport and ambulance transport
- Telehealth medicine



Advanced Career Pathways

Respiratory therapy can open the door to becoming an Advanced Practice Therapist (APRT), and pursuing higher degrees that lead to careers such as physician assistants, medical doctors, anesthesia assistants, and perfusionists.

We offer a B.S. in Cardiopulmonary Sciences degree for graduates of the A.S. degree program in Respiratory Care with an RRT license.

RTs are also eligible to obtain advanced credentials and specializations, such as:

- Adult Critical Care Specialist (ACCS)
- Neonatal-Pediatric Specialist (NPS)
- Certified Pulmonary Function Specialist (CPFT)
- Sleep Disorders Specialist (SDS)
- Asthma Educator Specialist (AE-C)

For more information, email: AlliedHealth@fsw.edu | fsw.edu/academics/programs/asrespiratorycare