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YOUR OPPORTUNITIES
To Save Lives

I HELP PEOPLE BREATHE.

Associate in Science Degree in Respiratory Care

When you can't breathe, nothing else matters.



Learn more about our
Respiratory Care
program here!



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:

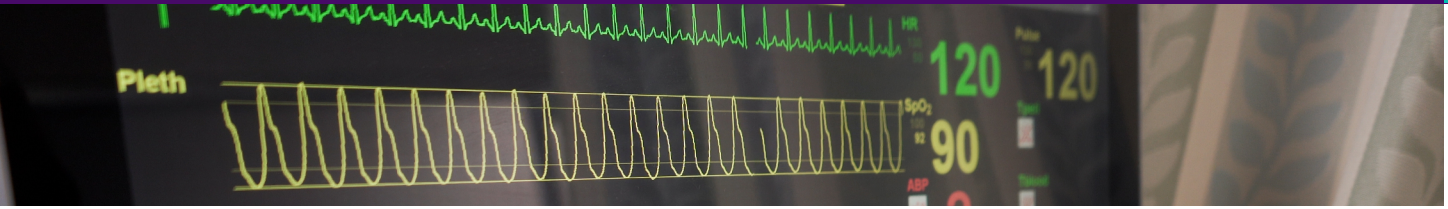
- Perform breathing treatments to open patient airways
- Look, listen, and feel to determine patient respiratory status
- Consult with physicians to recommend a change in therapy
- Analyze breath, tissue, and blood specimens to determine levels of oxygen and other gases used to identify respiratory disorders and recommend treatment methods
- Manage ventilators and artificial airway devices for patients who can't breathe normally on their own
- Respond to emergency situations 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
\$62,810 in May 2020!**

**United States Bureau of Labor Statistics*

APPLY ONLINE AT: www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asrespiratorycare



Career Outlook

Respiratory therapists are in great demand locally and nationally. As of the summer of 2021, there are **over 100 RT jobs available locally.**

While U.S. employment in general is forecast to increase by 4% from 2019 - 2029, the **need for RTs is projected to grow by 19%.**

FSW's Respiratory Care program is a limited access program. The criteria for admission are available at www.FSW.edu/SOHP or call (239) 985-3499.



Where Respiratory Therapists Work

- Intensive care units (ICU)
- Emergency rooms
- Newborn and pediatric units
- Patient homes
- Sleep laboratories
- Doctor's offices
- Asthma education/smoking cessation programs
- Air transport and ambulance transport
- Telehealth medicine



Advanced Career Pathways

RTs don't just assess and treat patients with respiratory diseases, they also provide care for cardiac, kidney, trauma, and COVID-19 patients.

Respiratory therapy can open the door to higher degrees leading to careers such as physician assistants, medical doctors, anesthesia assistants, and perfusionists.

We offer a BS Cardiopulmonary Sciences degree for graduates of the AS Degree Program in Respiratory Care with an RRT license.

For more information email: sohp@fsw.edu - www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/asrespiratorycare



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