Get your BACHELORS degree in Respiratory Therapy

Advance your Career!  Earn a Promotion!  Climb the Career Ladder!

Overview
Don’t let yourself get left behind as your colleagues advance in the profession! The AARC and NBRC currently are supporting a baccalaureate (BS) entry level degree.

If you are a graduate of a CoARC accredited associate degree program in respiratory therapy at a regionally accredited college or university, you are eligible to apply for advanced standing in the respiratory therapy baccalaureate degree program through IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis) and the Indiana Respiratory Therapy Education Consortium (IRTEC).

We value your previous work experience and clinical experience in respiratory care. Your associate degree respiratory therapy courses will be applied to the junior year respiratory therapy courses for completion of your baccalaureate degree.

Admission Requirements
In order to be considered for advanced standing you must
• possess an associate degree in Respiratory Care/Respiratory Therapy from a regionally accredited college or university
• have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00
• Have earned a “C” or higher for all respiratory therapy courses in your associate degree program
• complete all program prerequisites before beginning the senior respiratory therapy courses.

Career Advancement
In addition to exemplary careers in direct patient care, our graduates have found careers as

Respiratory Therapy Faculty  Patient Educators
Rehabilitation specialists  Transformation Officers
ECMO Specialists  Medical Sales
Lifeline Transport  Research Assistants
Respiratory Care Director/Manager/Supervisor  Disease/Case Managers

A baccalaureate degree in respiratory therapy is an excellent preparation for graduate degrees in medicine, healthcare administration, business, education, public health, and physician assistant education.

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Options: Two advanced standing options are available.

Option 1- If you graduated within the past year, have the RRT credential, but have limited work experience

1. You devise a completion plan. You may take up to two consecutive calendar years to complete the senior respiratory therapy classes.

2. You will receive undistributed block credit for your previous respiratory therapy coursework. This credit will be awarded after you begin IRTEC’s senior respiratory therapy courses.

3. Your interests and career goals will be considered when planning the approximately 720 patient contact hours you will complete at healthcare facilities around central Indiana. Openings for this option may be limited based on availability clinical rotation sites.

Option 2- For those with work experience in Respiratory Therapy

1. You qualify for this option if:
   • you earned the registered respiratory therapist (RRT) credential from NBRC
   • you are currently employed as a respiratory therapist and have at least one year of full time work experience following graduation from the ASRT program
   • you have an active RCP license in your state of residence

2. You will receive special credit for the senior clinical courses:
   PULM-F456 Respiratory Care Practicum III (6 credits) AND
   PULM-F 485 Respiratory Care Practicum IV (6 credits)
   NOTE: There is a small fee assessed when the program awards special credit for the senior-level clinic courses. The current rate $100 per course. (That’s only $16.67 per credit!)

3. We have course work that will help you meet your professional goals!
   PULM-F440 Advanced Cardiac Life Support (4 options)
   PULM-F445 Seminar in Cardiorespiratory Care (5 options)

4. Students may take up to two consecutive calendar years to complete the senior respiratory therapy classes.

5. You will receive undistributed block credit for your previous respiratory therapy coursework. This credit is awarded after you begin IRTEC’s senior respiratory therapy courses.

6. In order to receive the baccalaureate degree, you must complete 30 credit hours of program or program-related course work in residence at an Indiana University campus.

NOTE: Special credit awarded for PULM-F456 and PULM-F485 may not be applied to the 30 credit hour minimum. Therefore, an advanced standing student using Option 2 will need to complete at least 8 credit hours of prerequisite course work at an Indiana University campus. Also, the IUPUI campus has a limit on the number of credits that can be transferred from a two-year institution. For more information on this policy, please contact the IU School of Medicine Health Professions Programs Administrative Office at (317) 278-4752 or askbpp@iupui.edu Or IRTEC@iuhealth.org