

RESPIRATORY CARE

The Respiratory Care program prepares the graduate to take an active role in the maintenance and/or restoration of cardiopulmonary homeostasis. The curriculum includes intensive course work in the supporting sciences and general education areas. Classroom instruction is supplemented with learning experiences in the campus laboratory and in area clinical affiliates.

Progression in the Respiratory Care program is contingent upon the achievement of a grade of "C" in each Respiratory Care course.

Although hospitals employ the majority of respiratory therapists, other employers include home care providers, medical clinics, nursing homes, and industry. Graduates are qualified to take the National Board for Respiratory Care examinations to earn the Certified Respiratory Therapist (C.R.T.) credential and the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

Note: The Kentucky Board for Respiratory Care may deny mandatory certification for convicted felons. Questions should be directed to the Kentucky Board for Respiratory Care.

Note: Digital literacy must be documented by competency exam or by completing a digital literacy course.

Note: Hours Exception (67-70 for the A.A.S) approved by the KCTCS Board of Regents in June 2010.

Degrees

- Respiratory Therapist - AAS (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/respiratory-care/respiratory-therapist-aas/>)

Certificates

- Electrocardiographic and Cardiac Monitoring Technician Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/respiratory-care/electrocardiographic-cardiac-monitoring-technician-certificate/>)