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THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ACADEMIC SUMMARY FORM):

*Note: Most application requirements have a prerequisite course that must be completed prior to registration
Please check the current campus catalog*

PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
BIOL 20, Human Anatomy AND BIOL 22, Human Physiology OR BIOL 21A, Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND BIOL 21B, Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIOL 110B BIOL 120B BIOL 115S	4 5			
CHEM 3A, Introductory General Chemistry OR college equivalent	CHEM 101	4			
BIOL 31, Microbiology		5			
MATH 103, Foundations of Algebra OR higher math course		5			

After completing all of the program prerequisites above, complete and submit an Application Summary Form (ASF) for the Respiratory Care Practitioners Program lottery, together with all necessary official transcripts, by the deadline.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) are a vital part of the medical community. Under the direction of a physician, RCP's work to evaluate, treat, and care for patients of all ages with heart and lung disorders. The responsibilities and skill sets for RCP's range from assisting in the treatment of a patient with asthma and/or chronic lung disease to initiating and managing lifesaving modalities. Graduates are prepared for employment providing direct patient care as part of the health care team. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC).

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ASF):

There are no restrictions as to age, gender, marital status, or race.

1. Graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of C (2.0), or completed the General Education Development (GED) Test with an average standard score of 45.
2. Have completed all application course prerequisites above, with a "C" or better grade.
3. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of **2.50** or higher.

For application dates and program updates please check with the

Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the [FCC Website – Respiratory Care Application Process](#)

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:

The course below is an additional major requirement and must be completed with a "C" or better grade. Students must earn a "C" or better grade in all courses required for the major and for licensure. It is **strongly** recommended that these courses and any remaining degree and GE requirements be taken BEFORE beginning the program. Students find that because of the heavy work load, they do not have time for additional course work.

Non-Respiratory Care Practitioner Course: PHYS 11, Introductory Physical Science OR equivalent

Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCARE) Courses: All RCARE courses in the program are taken as a block; that is, all students take the same courses each term.

General Education Requirements

In addition to all courses required for the Respiratory Care major and licensure, students must also complete the following general education courses to obtain an "AS" in Respiratory Care (refer to the Fresno City College General Education Pattern):

- ENGL-1A Reading & Composition
- COMM 1, 2, 4, 8 or 25
- One (1) Course in Lifetime Wellness Area (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)
- Two (2) Physical Education and/or dance activity courses
- POLSCI-2 or equivalent (California State Local Government)
- Social & Behavioral Sciences B2 Area-3 units (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)
- Humanities Elective-3 units (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)

FCC currently uses a computerized lottery selection process for admission into the Respiratory Care Practitioner Program. The lottery process is used in response to more eligible applicants than enrollment space. All Program Application (ASF) requirements, program requirements, and selection criteria are subject to change. It is the students' responsibility to stay current with these criteria and requirements. Applicants will enter the lottery pool based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying for, not on the current catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.

NOTES:

It is the applicants' responsibility to turn in all necessary documents, all college transcripts, and the Program Application (ASF) as a packet to the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office by the deadline.

Applicants and Respiratory Care students must keep the Respiratory Care Office informed of any changes in name, address, and telephone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status.

Applicants should have no physical or emotional impairment that would preclude the performance of all duties in the program. Successful completion of the program requires applicants to be in good physical and mental health.

All students who are accepted into an Allied Health program will be required to have a background check. A negative result may result in a disqualification.

State and/or national licensing boards protect the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. Applications may be denied to persons convicted of certain crimes that may relate to professional practice. In addition, persons impaired by alcoholism, drug abuse and/or emotional illness are expected to voluntarily seek diagnosis and treatment for any suspected illness. Students with concerns in these areas should discuss them with the appropriate licensing body before entering FCC health programs. The appropriate licensing offices are listed online at [FCC – Respiratory Care](#) or you may contact the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office for assistance.

Academic and Professional Requirements can be found in the current Respiratory Care Practitioner Program Student Handbook.

Classes, clinical training, and related activities are conducted on the FCC campus and at off campus sites affiliated with the program. **Students must provide their own transportation. It must be noted that in addition to local clinical facilities, the program has clinical facilities located in Hanford, Tulare, Porterville, Visalia, Selma, Reedley, and Valley Children's Hospital in Madera.**

State License: The successful completion of the RCP Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science degree. Graduates are then eligible to take the national licensing examinations.

Estimated expenses during the 22-month Respiratory Care Practitioner Program:

Description	Fee
FCC Admission & Registration Fees (see current FCC catalog for any changes)	\$2,208 (48 units x \$46/unit)
California State Mandated Health Fee (4 x \$20 per semester / 2 x \$17 per summer)	\$114
Parking Permit fee (4 x \$30 per semester / 2 x \$20 per summer)	\$160
BEFORE PROGRAM BEGINS	
Admission health examination, immunizations/diagnostic tests	\$350
Background check and drug screen through Certified Background	\$100
School uniform, lab coat, FCC student I.D., FCC program logo, watch, stethoscope, etc.	\$300
Basic Life Support	\$60
DURING PROGRAM	
Books	\$800
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	\$250
Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP)	\$150
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)	\$250
Kettering National Seminars (NBRC) review	\$350
Exit Exams (written RRT, clinical simulations)	\$140
Online Ethics course (via AARC or CSRC)	\$15
AFTER PROGRAM	
NBRC Examination Fees:	
WRRT Exam	\$190
Clinical Simulations Exam	\$200
California State license fee	\$250
Total Estimated Expenses	\$5,587

The estimated expenses do not include pre-requisites and co-requisites or any other fees associated with other courses. Tuition may change at any time.

For more information, students should attend a Nursing & Allied Health Information Session and talk to an Allied Health Counselor. Call the Allied Health, Physical Education, & Athletics Division office, at (559) 244-2604, for more information.