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APPLICATION 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		4-5			
* CHEM 3A-Introductory General Chemistry OR college equivalent		4			
BIOL 31 - Microbiology		5			
* MATH 103-Intermediate Algebra OR higher math course		5			

Notes:

* Courses will apply towards major requirement and GE requirement.

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 (ACADEMIC SUMMARY FORM):

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

1. Graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of C (2.0), or completed the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average standard score of 45.
2. The Application Course Prerequisites or their equivalents (see below) must each be completed with a "C" or better grade.
3. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **2.5** or higher.

Program Applications (ASF) will be accepted during the following month:

February for the Fall program

Check with the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office & FCC website for specific dates and possible changes at [Respiratory Care Practitioner AS - acc.docx](#)

After completing all of the prerequisites above, complete and submit an Academic Summary Form (ASF) for the RCP Program lottery, together with all necessary official transcripts by the application deadline.

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

The course below is an additional major degree 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 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.

1. Non-Respiratory Care Practitioner Course

- a. PHYS 11, Introductory Physical Science OR equivalent

2. Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCARE) Courses

- a. 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):

1. ENGL-1A Reading & Composition
2. COMM 1, 2, 4, 8 or 25
3. MATH-103 Intermediate Algebra or higher
4. One (1) Course in Lifetime Wellness Area (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)
5. **Two (2)** Physical Education activity courses
6. POLSCI-2 or equivalent (California State Local Government)
7. Social & Behavioral Sciences B2 Area-3 units (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)
8. Humanities Elective-3 units (Refer to the Fresno City College General Education pattern)

1. 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.** Program applications (ASF) will be available the first business day in February and must be turned in **by the last business day in February**. Application Deadlines are available at, [Respiratory Care Practitioner AS - acc.docx](#)

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 posted at [Respiratory Care Practitioner AS - acc.docx](#)

2. 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.
3. **All students who is 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 Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Division Office can assist with the addresses and phone numbers of appropriate licensing offices.

4. Academic and Professional Requirements can be found in the current Respiratory Care Practitioner Program Student Handbook.
5. 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, Visalia, Selma, Reedley, and Valley Children's Hospital in Madera.

6. State License: The successful completion of the RCP Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science degree. Graduates are eligible to take the national licensing examinations. (In order for Fresno City College to evaluate your transcripts from other accredited schools for your degree, it is your responsibility to have them on file in the Admissions and Records Office.)
7. Applicants and RCP students must keep the RCP Office informed of any changes in name, address, and/or phone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status.

8. **Estimated Expenses:**

Before Program Begins

- California State Resident Tuition (subject to increase) -See FCC Course Catalog
- California State Mandated Health Fee (subject to change/yr.)-\$ 19.00
- Parking fee (per semester) subject to change- \$ 20.00
- Admission health examination, immunizations/diagnostic tests (approximate)- \$350.00
- Background check and drug screen through Certified Background- \$100.00
- School uniform, lab coat, FCC student I.D., FCC program logo, watch, stethoscope, etc.-\$300.00
- Basic Life Support (approximately) - \$60.00

During Program

- Books (approximate only)- \$ 800.00
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) approximately-\$250.00
- Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP)- \$ 150.00
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)- \$ 250.00
 - Kettering National Seminars (NBRC review-approximately-\$350.00
 - Exit Exams (written RRT, clinical simulations)- \$140.00
 - Online Ethics course (via AARC or CSRC)-\$15.00

After Graduation

- NBRC examination fees
- WRRT Exam-\$190.00
- Clinical Simulations Exam-\$200.00
- California State license fee-\$250.00
- (Approximate) Total \$5,652.00

The approximate price does not include pre-requisites and co-requisites or any other fees associated with other courses. Tuition may change at any time.

(FCC registration and health fees are **NOT** included)

9. For more information, attend or view a Nursing & Allied Health Orientation and talk to a counselor in the Counseling Center or APA Division; review EUREKA, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (076.361-014) or Occupational Outlook Handbook in the Career Center; or talk to Diana Day, Program Director, (559) 244-2631 or the Health Science Division Office (559) 244-2604.