



Respiratory Therapist

Career Major:
Advanced Respiratory Therapist

HOURS / LENGTH

1778 – 11 Months

WHO CAN ENROLL

ADULTS ONLY

FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES VISIT

www.greatplains.edu/rsp

NATURE OF THE WORK

Respiratory therapists provide the hands-on care that helps people recover from a wide range of medical conditions. Therapists get to know their patients, and their patients' families, and have the opportunity to help them through trying times. Whenever breathing is an issue, they are there.

You'll find RTs—

- In hospitals giving breathing treatments to people with asthma and other respiratory conditions.
- In intensive care units managing ventilators that keep the critically ill alive.
- In emergency rooms delivering life-saving treatments.
- In newborn and pediatric units helping kids with conditions ranging from premature birth to cystic fibrosis.
- In operating rooms working with anesthesiologists to monitor patients' breathing during surgery.
- In patient's homes providing regular check-ups and making sure people have what they need to stay out of the hospital.
- In sleep laboratories helping to diagnose disorders like sleep apnea.
- In skilled nursing facilities and pulmonary rehabilitation programs helping older people breathe easier and get more out of life.
- In doctor's offices conducting pulmonary function tests and providing patient education.
- In asthma education programs helping kids and adults alike learn how to cope with the condition.
- In smoking cessation programs assisting those who want to kick the habit for good.
- In air transport and ambulance programs rushing to rescue people in need of immediate medical attention.
- In case management programs helping devise long-term care plans for patients.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class begins each August
 Meets Monday – Friday
 8:15 am – 3:15 pm

Clinical Experience All Hospital Shifts
 Days, Evenings & Nights

JOB PROSPECTS

- With demand for RTs on the rise, salaries are following suit. According to the 2009 Human Resources study from the AARC, the projected average annual earnings of RTs working in the U.S. is \$62,223.
- The median annual income for the respiratory therapist can be found at www.okcis.intocareers.org.
- While U.S. employment in general is forecast to increase by 15 percent, the need for RTs will grow by up to 19 percent!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROFESSION VISIT

WWW.AARC.ORG

HOW DO I APPLY?

- To apply for your new career at Great Plains Technology Center, your first step is to call for an appointment with a Career Counselor at **580.250.5535**.
- **You must also contact the Academic Advisement Center at Cameron University at 581.6745.**
- **WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:**
 - ✓ All official transcripts; High School, Technical, & College
 - ✓ Any current health certification cards



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