



Respiratory Care (2244) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Respiratory Care utilizes didactic, clinical and high-fidelity simulation opportunities to expose students to the skills needed to care for patients with heart and lung disorders as a trained respiratory therapist. The respiratory therapist assessment will focus on cognitive, affective and psychomotor realms to ensure students exceed employer expectations for respiratory care.

Upon graduation and completion of required Therapist Multiple Choice Examination (TMC) and Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE), the student could earn the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential or the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Complete a Respiratory Care application packet by the May 15 deadline
- Document all eligibility requirements: Current Health Care Provider Basic Life Support (HCP-BLS) card (preferably from May, June, July or August of the application)
- Completion of prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

AT-A-GLANCE

- **76 Credit Hours**
- **Financial Aid Eligible**
- **Limited Access** - Certain prerequisites and criteria must be met to be admitted.
- **Face-to-Face Courses**
- **Certification** - Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential or the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential

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Apply online at fscj.edu/admissions.

FSCJ's Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?

New student enrollment for this program begins every year during the Fall Term. Application Deadline: May 15

Where are the educational courses held?

General education courses are offered at any of FSCJ's campuses and centers. Professional core courses are offered at FSCJ North Campus.

What is the cost of the program?

Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. *The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$7,971.**

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$80 per credit hour.

*Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.

What other programs are related to the field?

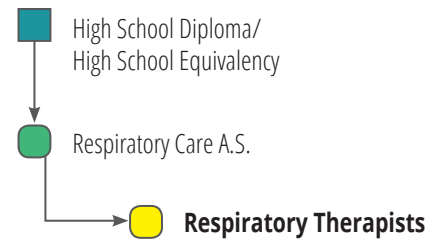
Students who have an interest in the Respiratory Care (A.S.) may also be interested in the following FSCJ programs:

- Cardiovascular Technology (A.S.)
- Nursing (R.N.) (A.S.)

Where can I get more information about potential careers?

Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY



JOB PROFILE

Duval and
Nassau
Counties

Respiratory Therapists

Local employment	546
Number of job openings	38/year
10-year job growth	17%

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov

Potential employers:

- Acute care hospitals
- ER/Trauma facilities
- Home care
- Physicians' offices
- Rehabilitation centers