

Respiratory Care Program Roadmap

Use this roadmap to guide your progress and keep you moving toward graduation.

- ☒ **Avoid surprises** – Meet with your advisor each term to monitor your progress and address concerns early.
- ☒ **Review course requirements** – Check course prerequisites, corequisites, and conditions before registering each term to ensure you meet all requirements and stay on track for graduation.
- ☒ **Stay eligible** – Maintain your GPA and complete required courses to remain in good standing.
- ☒ **Graduate on time** – Stay on schedule to avoid delays and excess credit hours that may not be covered by financial aid.

About the Program

Credit Hours: 76 total credit hours (including prerequisite coursework). Total hours may vary based on individual academic plan. Prior to enrolling in classes, please meet with an advisor for specific guidance about your individual academic plan.

Application Procedure

This is a Limited/Selective Access program. Acceptance into the Respiratory Care program is based upon academic performance and other criteria. One cohort is admitted each fall semester. Please note that admission to the Respiratory Care program is competitive and not everyone who applies is accepted. To be considered, individuals must complete the following by the priority review deadline:

- ☐ Complete an application to Florida State College at Jacksonville with Respiratory Care as the Program Plan.
- ☐ Transcripts must be received from high school/GED® and any postsecondary education. They must be official and sealed directly from the awarding institution. Transcripts may be delivered electronically to studentrecords@fscj.edu or by mail to: FSCJ Admissions Office, P.O. Box 40515, Jacksonville, FL 32203-0515.
- ☐ Complete the required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of C or higher.
- ☐ Students must have a current Health Care Provider Basic Life Support (HCP-BLS) card.

The top 24 ranked students will be offered a seat into the program.

These additional admission requirements are to be completed after acceptance into the program and before initial classes begin:

- ☐ Prior to acceptance into the program, students must complete a background check and drug screen.
- ☐ Students will also be required to complete and maintain immunizations/vaccinations as required of our clinical affiliates before placement into a clinical rotation.

Additional information will be provided at the program orientation after acceptance into the Respiratory Care program.

Note: Admissions preference is given to fully qualified candidates who have met all entrance criteria, including the satisfaction of prerequisite courses. Should seats remain available in the program cohort, applicants who fulfill admissions criteria prior to the start of the program will be considered next.

Review Deadline(s)

The priority review deadline is May 15 each year with classes starting in fall term.

Minimum Grade Requirement(s)

A minimum grade of C or higher is required in:

- ☐ All Prerequisite coursework
- ☐ All Professional coursework
- ☐ All General Education coursework

Stay on Track

Meet the associate in science degree graduation requirements:

- ☐ Complete all academic requirements for this program outlined in the Florida State College at Jacksonville catalog and curriculum.
- ☐ Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) at Florida State College at Jacksonville in courses applicable to the Associate in Science degree programs, excluding developmental education courses.
- ☐ Earn an all-college cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) on a 4.0 scale on all courses attempted. This includes Florida State College at Jacksonville college-credit semester hours and transferred credits (excluding developmental education) in lower division courses.
- ☐ Complete at least 25 percent of the total hours required for the program in residence at Florida State College at Jacksonville. Credit by examination and credit for prior learning do not count toward this residency requirement.
- ☐ Complete the required semester hours for the degree, as including a minimum of 15 semester hours in General Education.
- ☐ Demonstrate competency in civic literacy by:
 - ☐ Completing a civic literacy course – AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041 – with a grade of C or higher.
 - ☐ Achieving of the required standard score on a state-approved assessment.
- ☐ Earn a grade of a C or higher in each course used to satisfy the general education requirements and any other area designated as requiring a grade of C or higher.
- ☐ Satisfy all financial and other obligations to the College prior to graduation.

More Information Online

Program Webpage: fscj.edu/program?pcode=2244

Program Catalog Page: catalog.fscj.edu/programs/2244

Prerequisite Coursework

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
ENC 1101 – English Composition I or ENC 1101C – English Composition I Enhanced or ENC 1102 – Writing About Texts	3–4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
AMH 2010 – United States History to 1877 or AMH 2020 – United States History from 1877 to the Present or POS 2041 – American Federal Government	3	General Education & Civic Literacy	Fall, Spring, Summer
MAC 1105 – College Algebra or MAC 1105C – College Algebra Enhanced or MAC 1114 – College Trigonometry or MAC 1140 – Precalculus Algebra or MAC 1147 – Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry or MAC 2233 – Calculus for Business and Social Sciences or MAC 2311 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry I or MAC 2312 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry II or MAC 2313 – Calculus With Analytic Geometry III or MAP 2302 – Differential Equations or MGF 1130 – Mathematical Thinking or STA 2023 – Elementary Statistics	3–5	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
BSC 2085C – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
BSC 2086C – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer
ARH 2000 – Art in the Humanities or HUM 2020 – Topics in the Humanities or LIT 2000 – Literature in the Humanities or MUL 2010 – Music in the Humanities or PHI 2010 – Philosophy in the Humanities or THE 2000 – Theatre in the Humanities	3	General Education	Fall, Spring, Summer

Sample Roadmap for Admitted Students

Term 1: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
RET 1024 – Fundamentals of Respiratory Therapy	4	Professional	Fall
RET 1485 – Cardiopulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	4	Professional	Fall
RET 1276 – Physical Assessment Skills	2	Professional	Fall
RET 1824 – Clinical I	2	Professional	Fall
RET 2272L – Essentials of Respiratory Care Lab	1	Professional	Fall

Term 2: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
RET 2484 – Pulmonary Pathology	4	Professional	Spring
RET 1008 – Pharmacology for the Respiratory Therapist	2	Professional	Spring
RET 2264C – Mechanical Ventilation	4	Professional	Spring
RET 2272 – Clinical II	3	Professional	Spring

Term 3: Summer

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
RET 1450 – Diagnostic Monitoring	2	Professional	Summer
RET 2265 – Advanced Monitoring and Therapeutic Techniques	2	Professional	Summer
RET 2350 – Advanced Pharmacology	2	Professional	Summer

Term 4: Fall

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
RET 2714 – Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care	2	Professional	Fall
RET 2834 – Clinical III	6	Professional	Fall
RET 2930 – Respiratory Care Seminar I	4	Professional	Fall

Term 5: Spring

Course	Credits	Course Type	Terms Offered
RET 2835 – Clinical IV	6	Professional	Spring
RET 2520 – Community Health	2	Professional	Spring
RET 2931 – Respiratory Care Seminar II	4	Professional	Spring