

in the following courses: ALHE 1120, BIOL 1100K, CHEM 1151, PHSC 1011K, and BIOL 2115.

Science courses taken more than five years prior to enrollment in the program will be evaluated by the Respiratory Care Program Faculty and may need to be repeated.

Respiratory Care Program Requirements:

1. Students will be required to submit a completed health form documenting satisfactory health status and evidence of health insurance prior to clinical practicum.
2. The student *is responsible* for his/her own health in the event of illness, accident, or exposure to communicable disease in class, lab, or clinic.
3. Professional liability insurance is required prior to clinical rotations.
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 - a. Students must earn a "C" or better in all professional courses in order to progress to the next course in sequence. Any student failing to complete a professional course will not be allowed to continue in the program.
 - b. The student may reapply for admission in the next class. Students seeking readmission will be evaluated by the Respiratory Care faculty to determine acceptability and placement in the program. Previously completed professional courses may be accepted or may need to be repeated at the **sole discretion** of the faculty.
 - c. Students who fail to complete more than one Respiratory course (this may be two different courses or the same course twice) will be dismissed from the program and will not be re-accepted. Withdrawing from a respiratory course in lieu of failing will count as an attempt the same as a failure.
 - d. Students who fail a clinical practicum must at a minimum repeat **both** the clinical and classroom courses covering that content.
5. Students are required to maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA in order to graduate from the program and Darton State College.
6. The Respiratory Care Program reserves the right to discontinue, at any time, the enrollment of a Respiratory Care student if, in the judgment of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Dean of Health Science and the Respiratory Care Faculty, the student does not appear to have the necessary qualifications or temperament for a career as a Respiratory Care Professional. Refer to the program handbook for more information.
7. The student must abide by the policies and procedures of the Respiratory Care program as defined in the program handbook.
8. The student must possess the essential physical and mental functional requirements for the profession in the categories of visual acuity, hearing, physical ability, speech, and manual dexterity. Refer to the Program Handbook for complete information.
9. Students will have three attempts to successfully demonstrate competency of any skill taught in any laboratory course or clinical practicum. This policy includes the American Heart Association ACLS course at the end of RESP 1138. Students unable to demonstrate competency after 3 attempts will fail the laboratory or clinical course, including ACLS, and will not be allowed to progress in the program. Students may re-apply according to the previously listed policies.
10. Respiratory students must demonstrate
 - a. Sufficient critical thinking ability to be able to safely and effectively assess clinical situations and act appropriately.
 - b. Sufficient interpersonal skills to interact successfully with co-workers, supervisors, patients and family members who may have different social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
 - c. Sufficient communication abilities both verbal and written to be able to provide patient instruction and education, complete proper documentation and