

RESPIRATORY CARE (0366)
Health Sciences Department
CAREER
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory Care at Darton State College is a two part curriculum. The first part consists of required prerequisite and general education courses, and the second part constitutes the actual professional curriculum. The professional curriculum is designed to prepare the graduate to function as an advanced level Respiratory Care Professional (RCP) in hospitals, non-acute care agencies, and in home care. After successful completion of all academic and clinical requirements, the graduate will be eligible to take the entry-level exam and upon successful completion of this examination the graduate may take the advanced level examination of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), 18000 W. 105th St, Olathe, KS (888) 341-4811. Upon passing the NBRC entry-level exam and meeting all requirements for Georgia State licensure, the graduate may be licensed in the state of Georgia as a Respiratory Care Professional (RCP). The Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Peachtree St. NW, 36th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 656-3913, has the right to refuse to grant a license to any individual who has been convicted of moral and/or legal violations specified in Georgia law. The Darton State College Respiratory Care Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), 1248 Harwood Rd., Bedford, TX 76021 (817) 283-2835.

In addition to the application forms submitted to the admissions office for admission to the college, students applying to the Respiratory Care Program for the first time or reapplying for any reason are required to submit a separate application for selection into the Respiratory Care Program. Applications are available in the Health Science Division Office or they may be downloaded from the [Darton Website](#) for students interested in enrolling in the Program. There are separate application packets for Track I and Track II.

To be considered for selection into the Respiratory Care Program, a completed program application must be received. The application deadline for Track I is June 1. The application deadline Track II is December 1. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if the class has not been filled. The Respiratory Care Program has a limited enrollment; students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Students are selected on the basis of

- a. Grade point average in pre-requisite courses.
- b. Overall grade point average and number of credits earned. Excessive withdrawals from pre-requisite courses may negatively impact a student's application
- c. Completed application packet materials.
- d. An interview with program faculty.

An offer of acceptance is made to the applicants who achieve the highest rankings in the selection process. The selection process continues until the class is filled.

Associate Degree graduates of the Darton State College Respiratory Care Program may be eligible to receive advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science programs in Respiratory Care offered by the four-year institutions of the University System of Georgia. Students desiring to complete a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care should make direct inquiry to the institution of choice.

Admission Requirements:

1. Admission to Darton State College
2. Completion of all Learning Support requirements
3. Completion of the required pre-requisite and general education courses with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. In addition students must earn a grade of "C" or better 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