

## RESPIRATORY CARE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE –UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY

University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) students enrolled in the Pre-Respiratory Therapy program may apply to the Respiratory Care program at Nebraska Methodist College (NMC). NMC has a nationally accredited program of study for advanced respiratory care practitioners. Upon completion of the Associate Degree, graduates are eligible to take national board examinations leading to the credential of Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

Enroll at NMC in the summer following your junior year at UNK and graduate in just three semesters with both degrees. It's an option you cannot turn down!

### Program Admission Criteria

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be considered for admission. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- High school record
- College record
- Math and science courses
- Encouraged to shadow a professional in a respiratory care department
- Fulfillment of program technical standards

### Program Application Process

To be considered for admission the following items must be submitted to the Admissions Office:

- NMC Undergraduate Application with \$25 application fee
- Written personal statement
- Official high school transcript
- If appropriate, official GED test scores
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Personal Interview

The one year accelerated program begins in the summer (May) and finishes in 12 months. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and interview invitations will be extended for qualified candidates.



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## Program Pre-Requisites

Required coursework must be complete at a "C-" or above at a regionally accredited institution. Courses and credit hours listed below.

- English Composition or Expository Writing (3)
- Anatomy & Physiology with lab (8)
- Microbiology (3)
- General Chemistry with lab (3)
- General Physics (3)
- Life-Span Psychology or Human Growth & Development (3)
- Medical Terminology (1)
- College Algebra (3)
- Humanities (3) (choose 3 credits from History, 3 credits from Arts or 3 credits from Anthropology, Ecology, Philosophy or Religion)

Recommended UNK courses: Global Cultures and Diversity or Race and Minority Relations. If not taken at UNK, the course is added to the NMC plan of study.

In addition, a Forensics & Debate at UNK may be taken to fulfill 2 of the 3 credit hours of Critical Reasoning & Rhetoric. If not taken at UNK, the course is added to the NMC plan of study.

## Program Accreditation

The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Inquiries regarding accreditation may be directed to: The Committee on Accreditation, for Respiratory Care (CoARC), 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021. (800) 874-5615

## Program Curriculum

### Summer Semester

CM 230/245	Language & Culture in Healthcare	3
HU 150	The World of Ideas: Critical Reasoning & Rhetoric	3
RC 125	Clinical Assessment & Procedures	1
RC 200	Intro to RC Clinical Practice I	4
RC 210	Cardiopulmonary Physiology	3

### Fall Semester

RC 220	Respiratory Care Clinical Practice II	6
RC 240	Principles of Respiratory Care	4
RC 240L	Lab	0
RC 260	Mechanical Ventilation I	3
SC 203	Pathophysiology / Pharmacology	4
RC 350	Pulmonary Rehab. & Home Care	1

### Spring Semester

RC 300	Respiratory Care Clinical Practice III	6
RC 310	Mechanical Ventilation II	4
RC 330	Cardiopulmonary Diagnostics & Monitoring	3
RC 330L	Lab	0
RC 340	Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care	2
RC 360	Issues & Trends in Respiratory Care	1
CM 290	Portfolio Synthesis	0

**Program Total Hours:**

**48**