

Respiratory Care Program Application

Fall 2012

Applicant Deadline

Primary Applicant Pool Deadline: June 20, 2012*
Selection Date From Primary Pool: June 28, 2012*
Secondary Applicant Pool Deadline: August 1, 2012**
Selection Date From Secondary Pool: August 8, 2012**

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Limited Access Program Office (561) 207-5321

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Program Information

About the Program

This American Medical Association recognized and accredited program is designed for the student who wants to be employed as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. Earning the Associate of Science degree in Respiratory Care enables the graduate to sit for the National Board for Respiratory Care (www.nbrc.org) credentialing examinations to become a Respiratory Therapist. Upon graduation, the student will be eligible to both the entry-level (Certified Respiratory Therapist – CRT) and the advanced-level (Registered Respiratory Therapist-RRT) examinations. The program is designed to begin in the fall term of each year, and requires a full-time commitment. The Palm Beach State College Respiratory Care Program is accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (www.coarc.com) 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835.

What are the duties of a Respiratory Care Practitioner?

Under medical direction, licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) exercise their level of training in the administration of medical gases, humidity and aerosol therapy, various modalities of technically oriented breathing treatments, all aspects of continuous mechanical life-supporting ventilation techniques (invasive and non-invasive), special therapeutic and diagnostic procedures and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The practice of respiratory care is extremely diverse and may include, but not be limited to the following: Adult, Pediatric, and Neonatal Intensive Care (ICU), Trauma, Hyperbaric Medicine, Special Diagnostics (Sleep Medicine, Pulmonary Function, Stress Testing, assisting in Bronchoscopes), Floor Therapies, Home Care, Rehabilitation Programs, Asthma Education, Smoking Cessation, and Air Transport to name a few.

What is the job outlook?

The demand for qualified Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) continues to grow much faster than average with an expected growth of 21% between 2008-2018 (U.S. Dept. of Labor). According to the 2009 AARC Human Resource Survey, new graduate salaries range between \$42,078 - \$47,297 /year. To address the immediate need for Respiratory Therapist, many hospitals are offering sign-on bonuses among other benefits.

What are the costs for the program?

Florida resident tuition costs approximately \$96.00 per credit hour and the program requires 46 Respiratory Care credit hours and 30 general education course credit hours (76 credit hours total). Total tuition costs for in-state residents are approximately \$7,296.00. Books, laboratory fees, uniforms, liability insurance, and professional association membership dues total approximately \$1,000.00. Transportation considerations for attendance to clinical training typically ranges between \$650 - \$1,250. (Gas, oil, maintenance) Total cost: \$8,946 – \$9,546 (residents).

**This is a limited access program with a maximum enrollment dependent on clinical and classroom availability. The initial selection will be made from the Primary Applicant Pool.*

***If all seats are not filled students in the Secondary Applicant Pool will be considered for admission utilizing the same criterion as in the initial selection.*

ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY OPEN HOUSE SESSION.

These sessions are held September through May, in **Room LC111** of the Lewis Center from **1-2 p.m.** on the Palm Beach Gardens Campus. No appointment is necessary.

Thursday September 1, 2011

Thursday October 6, 2011

Thursday November 3, 2011

Thursday December 1, 2011

Wednesday January 11, 2012

Wednesday February 1, 2012

Wednesday March 14, 2012

Wednesday April 4, 2012

Wednesday May 2, 2012

Wednesday June 6, 2012

Requirements for Consideration for Selection

Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. These criteria supersede any other information.

Applications and Fees

First-time Palm Beach State Students: Submit a completed Palm Beach State College general credit application at www.FACTS.org (choose Admissions) and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is \$20 for U.S. citizens, (\$30) (U.S. currency) for international students and is non-refundable. Be sure to insert your current and active e-mail address where requested; be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the program application contained in this packet and submit to the Admissions office.

Non first-time Palm Beach State Students: There is a \$20 non-refundable processing fee due with each Respiratory Care program application. Submit payment or a paid receipt for this processing fee along with a program application to the Admissions Office.

Academic High School Diploma or GED

Transcripts must be official transcripts (*transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State from the institution or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution*) to the **Palm Beach State Admissions Office**. GED, or validated foreign equivalent. **All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at Palm Beach State.** You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Transcripts.xml. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Transcripts.xml

College Transcripts

Official college transcripts (*transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State from the previous institution or be hand delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution*) from ALL post-secondary institutions attended must be submitted. You may download the transcript request form from our website at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Transcripts.xml. If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. Commercial evaluation of out of country transcripts is required and must be sent from an approved evaluating institution directly to Palm Beach State. Information for approved evaluators is available at www.palmbeachstate.edu/ForeignTranscript.xml

Cumulative Grade Point Average

Cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be at least 2.6 in all-previous college work attempted. The student must have at least 12 or more semester hours of college in order to use college GPA, otherwise, high school GPA will be used.

Placement Test Scores

Placement test scores must meet minimum requirements for entrance into college level English and Math courses or required remediation must have been successfully completed. Successful completion (C or higher) from an accredited college or university of a minimum of three (3) college credits for Math and for English courses may be used in lieu of placement scores for the eligibility. Placement scores must be less than two (2) years old.

Selection

The following criteria are used for selection:

- Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab I
- College Algebra

Submit documentation of successful completion of college level Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab (BSC2085 and BSC2085L, or equivalent lecture and lab) with a grade of C or higher in both areas completed within 10 years of the application deadline. All documents must be on file at Palm Beach State Admissions Office – Palm Beach Gardens Campus by deadline date.

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) must be at least 2.6 in all previous college work.
- Placement test scores must be at college level (or remediation completed).
- Consideration will be given for prior college degree, health care experience and/ or completion of general education courses.
- Florida residents and previous Palm Beach State students will have priority in the selection process.
- Completion of Open House is required.

Financial Aid

Direct scholarship, grants and loans are available to qualifying students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for the appropriate forms at any Palm Beach State campus.

Acceptance

Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/pantherweb.xml sign in and look under Limited Access Application Status and all communication will be sent to your my.palmbeachstate.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation. Please note: Upon completion of the Palm Beach State application process, students will receive notification of acceptance to the college, **NOT** to be confused with acceptance to the program.

Records

Any student falsifying application records will be subject to immediate dismissal without refund. All credentials submitted become the property of the college and cannot be returned to the student. Any student convicted of a felony may not be considered for licensure in the state of Florida. All students will be screened through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Palm Beach State College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital or disability status in any of its educational programs or other programs and practices. Limited Access programs select students using a blind application pool and consider only the criteria outlined in each program's additional application information. Applicants not accepted must reapply and submit another application fee if they wish to be considered for the subsequent class. There is no "waiting list". Each class is selected from the new applicant pool available each year.

Students must provide documentation of a valid and current health and accident insurance policy during the enrollment period. Students selected to the Program will be required to submit documentation of complete physical exam, immunizations, drug screening and FDLE background check.

We require completion of the following courses prior to beginning the program.

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| MAC1105* | College Algebra | 3 |
| BSC2085 | Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab | 4 |

Although Respiratory Care students are selected to start classes in August, we encourage prospective students to take as many general education courses as possible prior to beginning the program.

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| BSC 2086 | Anatomy and Physiology II | 3 |
| BSC2086L | Anatomy Lab II | 1 |
| ENC1101 | College Composition I | 3 |
| ARH1000 | Art Appreciation - or - | 3 |
| MUL1010 | Music Appreciation - or - | 3 |
| THE1000 | Theater Appreciation ONLY | 3 |
| CHM1020* | Principles of Chemistry (no lab required) | 3 |
| MCB2010 | Microbiology | 3 |
| MCB2010L | Microbiology Lab | 1 |
| SYG2000 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| PHY1001* | Applied Physics | 3 |

* AN EQUIVALENT OR HIGHER LEVEL COURSE WILL BE ACCEPTED.

General Information

**PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM
Curriculum Outline**

SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| BSC 2085 | Anatomy & Physiology I | 3 |
| BSC 2085L | Anatomy & Physiology I Lab | 1 |
| MAC1105 | College Algebra | 3 |

FALL I

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|-----------|--|----|
| RET 1272 | Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I | 9 |
| RET 1272L | Fundamentals of Respiratory Care I Lab | 3 |
| RET 1874L | Clinical Internship I | 1 |
| | | 13 |

SPRING I

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| RET 1273 | Fund. of Resp. Care II | 6 |
| RET 1273L | Fund. of Resp. Care II Lab | 2 |
| RET 1875L | Clinical Internship II | 3 |
| BSC 2086 | Anatomy & Physiology II | 3 |
| BSC 2086L | Anatomy & Physiology II Lab | 1 |
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SUMMER I – SUMMER A (6 WEEKS)

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| RET 1876C | Clinical Internship III | 4 |
| Humanities | Art, Music or Theater Appreciation <u>ONLY</u> | 3 |
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FALL II

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| RET 2280C | Fund. of Resp. Care III | 7 |
| RET 2877L | Clinical Internship IV | 2 |
| CHM 1020 | Principles of Chemistry (no lab required) | 3 |
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Spring II

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| RET 2534C | Fund. of Resp. Care IV | 7 |
| RET 2878L | Clinical Internship V | 2 |
| MCB 2010 | Microbiology | 3 |
| MCB 2010L | Microbiology Lab | 1 |
| PHY1001 | Applied Physics | 3 |
| | | 16 |

Total Program Credits 76* (Please refer to the above and General Education requirements) www.palmbeachstate.edu/x5928.xml)

NOTE: ALL RET prefix, prerequisite and co-requisite courses MUST be completed with a “C” or better. All RET prefix courses must be taken in sequence. Advanced placement for previous experience and/or academic preparation is considered through arrangement with the Program Director. Competency testing may be required for advanced placement or transfer requests at the discretion of the Program Director.

Point System for Selection Student Checklist

After all general admission criteria have been satisfied, a point system will be utilized for selection.

General Admissions:

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| _____ | Palm Beach State Application (\$20-\$30 one time charge non-refundable) | |
| _____ | Palm Beach State Readmit Application or enrolled in credit course in last 12 months | |
| _____ | Palm Beach State Orientation (First time in college students only) | |
| _____ | Transcripts | |
| _____ | College level English and Math at an accredited college or College level placement test or successful completion of remedial courses (preps) | |

Program Requirements

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| _____ | Respiratory Care Application with \$20 fee non-refundable | |
| _____ | Open House Counseling Session (Valid 1 year or two selection processes) | |
| _____ | Grade Point Average (2.6 minimum) based on 12 college credits or HS GPA used | GPA _____ |
| _____ | Florida Resident | +0.5 _____ |
| _____ | Previous Palm Beach State Student | +0.5 _____ |
| _____ | College Degree (AAS, AS, AA, BS, BA, MS, MA) from an accredited institution | +0.5 _____ |
| _____ | Health Experience (Submit copy of official documentation verifying at least 1 yr) | +1.0 _____ |

General Education Courses

BSC 2085, BSC 2085L, and MAC 1105 must be completed or enrolled in prior to the start of the program earning a grade of "C" or better

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|-------|---|------------|
| _____ | All courses require a "C" or better to earn points and meet graduation requirements. | |
| _____ | BSC 2086 Anatomy and Physiology II | +2.0 _____ |
| _____ | BSC 2086L Anatomy and Physiology II Lab | +1.0 _____ |
| _____ | ENC 1101 College Composition I | +2.0 _____ |
| _____ | Humanities Art, Music or Theater Appreciation <i>ONLY</i> | +0.5 _____ |
| _____ | MCB 2010 Microbiology | +3.0 _____ |
| _____ | MCB 2010L Microbiology Lab | +1.0 _____ |
| _____ | CHM 1020 Principles of Chemistry | +1.0 _____ |
| _____ | PHY 1001 Applied Physics or higher | +1.0 _____ |
| _____ | SYG 2000 Introduction to Sociology | +0.5 _____ |

Total Points _____

IF AN APPLICANT IS SELECTED AND DOES NOT ENTER THE PROGRAM OR IS NOT SELECTED, THE APPLICANT MUST REAPPLY AND IS NOT GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT SELECTION PROCESS.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVE- 2148

1. U.S. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER/PALM BEACH STATE STUDENT ID _____ - _____ - _____

2. HOME CAMPUS DESIGNATION Belle Glade Boca Raton
 Lake Worth PB Gardens

3. E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ @ _____

4. NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE SUFFIX

5. If any of your transcripts, test scores, etc., might arrive under any names other than those listed above, enter names here:

6. LOCAL ADDRESS _____
NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS CITY
COUNTY (or PROVINCE) STATE ZIP CODE

7. HOME TELEPHONE (____) _____ 8. DATE OF BIRTH _____
CELL PHONE (____) _____

TRANSCRIPTS—Official transcripts must be sent directly to Palm Beach State from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to Palm Beach State. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

9. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE? Yes No or GED? Yes No

10. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

List all postsecondary colleges or universities you have enrolled. Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.

| NAME OF INSTITUTION | CITY/STATE | DATES | DEGREE | CREDIT |
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To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.

- 11. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT PALM BEACH STATE? Yes No
- 12. ARE YOU CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT ANOTHER COLLEGE? Yes No
- 13. ARE YOU A FLORIDA RESIDENT? Yes No
- 14. TRANSCRIPTS FROM ANY RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAMS? Yes No
- 15. VERIFICATION OF HEALTH CARE WORK EXPERIENCE? Yes No
(Submit verification directly to Limited Access Program Office)
- 16. DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN A HEALTH MAGNET PROGRAM? Yes No

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE