**Respiratory Care Program Application**

**Fall 2015**

Applicant Deadline

- **Primary Applicant Pool Deadline:** June 25, 2015*
- **Selection Date From Primary Pool:** July 2, 2015*
- **Secondary Applicant Pool Deadline:** July 30, 2015**
- **Selection Date From Secondary Pool:** August 6, 2015**

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Limited Access Program Office (561) 207-5321

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**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. Program outcome data can be reviewed at http://www.coarc.com/47.html.

**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 nationwide are offering sign-on bonuses among other benefits.

**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.

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*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.**
The following are required for eligibility in the selection pool. Meeting criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. If a student is selected and does not enter the program, or is not selected, the student must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process. PLEASE NOTE: All communication regarding your admissions status will be sent to your Palm Beach State student e-mail account.

All documentation must be on file at the Palm Beach State College Admissions Office by the application deadline date.

Applications and Fees

First-time Palm Beach State Students: Submit a completed Palm Beach State College general credit application at www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/ and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. This one-time fee is $40 for U.S. citizens, ($75) (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 http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores using the downloaded form at http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx.

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 http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/admissions/transcript-request.aspx. 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 http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/academicservices/information-and-reference/faculty-credentialing-tools/foreign-transcript-evaluators.aspx.
**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, Reading, and Math courses or required remediation must have been successfully completed. Successful completion (C or higher) from an regionally 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.

**General Education Courses**

The following courses must be completed with a grade of a “C” or better by the application deadline:
- BSC2085/2085L Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture and Lab (within 10 years of the application deadline)
- MAC1105 College Algebra (equivalent or higher course will be accepted)

**Mandatory Open House**

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

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**Acceptance**

Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Pantherweb 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.
General Information

Point System for Selection
Student Checklist

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

Points awarded for the following criteria:

1. Grade Point Average (2.6 minimum) based on 12 college credits or HS GPA used
2. Previous Palm Beach State Student +0.5
3. College Degree (AAS, AS, AA, BS, BA, MS, MA) from a regionally accredited institution +0.5
4. Health Experience (Submit copy of official documentation verifying at least 1 yr) +1.0

General Education Courses

All courses require a “C” or better to earn points and meet graduation requirements.

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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.
Please Type or Print Clearly

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 (____) ____________________________

   CELL PHONE (____) ____________________________

   DATE OF BIRTH ____________________________

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? □ Y as □ 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 ____________________________

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.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT                     DATE