Welcome to Respiratory Care Open House
The demand for qualified Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) continues to grow much faster than average with an expected growth of 12% between 2014-2024 (U.S. Dept. of Labor). According to the 2014 median salary was $56,730 (U.S. Department of Labor). To address the immediate need for Respiratory Therapist, many hospitals nationwide are offering sign-on bonuses among other benefits.
Technical Standards for the Program and the Profession

This is what is required of you in the field to perform your job duties:

You must have the Motor Skills, Sensory/Observational, Communication, Cognitive, Behavioral/Emotional skills and the ability to conduct yourself in an ethical and professional manner.

- Lifting (50 lbs), transferring and supporting patients.
- Communication - Being able to communicate effectively with MD’s, fellow therapist, nurses, patients and their families.
- You will be on your feet for long periods of time - up to 12 hours a day.
- Caring and empathetic personalities are a must.
- Attention to detail - Verifying prescriptions, charting examination details, etc.
- Handling small objects, drawing arterial blood gasses, drawing up medications and reading appropriate measurements.
- Being part of a health care team.
- Must be able to hear in order to assess breath sounds.
- Must be able to maintain complete confidentiality of all patient information and records in accordance with hospital regulations and Federal HIPAA Laws.
- Must be able to properly adhere to all policies and procedures regarding patient and student safety guidelines. Including but not limited to: Exposure to infectious disease and exposure to environmental hazards.
What are the costs for the program?

Florida resident tuition costs approximately $101.00 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 $7,467.00. Books, laboratory fees, uniforms, liability insurance, ACLS, PALS, NRP 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: $9,117 - $9,717 (residents).
Application and Fees

First Time 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 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.
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.
Financial Aid

- **Apply Early**
- **After FASFA is complete you must submit supporting documentation.**
- **After all documentation is submitted 2-3 week turn around time from that point.**
- **If classes start before your Financial is designated as pending... you will have to pay for your classes and then you will be reimbursed when the funds are dispensed after classes have begun.**
Minimum Requirements

- GPA: 2.6 in all previous college work attempted
- Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab I-grade “C” or higher within 10 years
- College Algebra-grade “C” or better
- Completion of Open House
## List of Clinical Sites

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Important Dates

- Application Deadline: May 7, 2020
- Selection Date: May 14, 2018
- Letters and Acceptance Package: Mid May
- Look for deadlines in Acceptance package
Respiratory Class Schedule (RET classes only)

- Fall 1st year:
  RET 1272: Mon./Fri - 8:30a-1:00p class
  RET 1874L: Tues - 8:30a-2:30p until late Oct/Nov. then clinicals 8.5 hrs
  RET 1272L: Wed or Thurs - 8:30a-2:30p lab
Classes Cont.

- Spring 1st year:
  RET 1273/1273L: Tues/Thurs- 8:30a-2:30p - class/lab
  RET 1875C: Mon./Wed-12.5 hour clinicals
Summer Schedule

- RET 1876 C:
- Mon./Wed. 9:30a-1:20p class
- Tues/Thurs 12.5 hour clinicals
Second year schedule

- **Fall 2nd year:**
  - RET 2280: Tues/Thurs-9:30a-1:20p-class
  - RET 2877L Mon/Wed-12.5 hour clinicals

- **Spring 2nd year:**
  - RET 2534: Mon/Wed-9:30a-1:20p-class
  - RET 2878L: Tues/Thurs and sometimes Friday
Good Luck To All of You