

26-27 B.S. Respiratory Care (RSP2)



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

The Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Respiratory Care allows graduates of Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree in Respiratory Care programs and licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) a pathway to complete their four-year degree without having to transfer to a four-year college or university. The curriculum provides an advanced scope of practice education with an emphasis on advanced cardiopulmonary pathophysiology, advanced respiratory case management, advanced respiratory neonatal/pediatrics, health education in respiratory care, research methodology, quantitative principles, respiratory care sleep medicine, and respiratory care leadership and management. Increasingly, Respiratory Care Practitioners hold responsibilities formerly conducted by physicians requiring a greater level of critical thinking and analytical skills. For more information, visit the [Health and Safety Sciences](#) division.

Note: All courses designated as an upper division major requirement must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" (or "P") for each course in the major.

TO EARN DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of 121-semester units
- [2] Completion of General Education Requirements -upper and lower division
- [3] Completion of lower division coursework (or equivalent) to AVC accredited A.S. Degree in Respiratory Care
- [4] Completion of upper division major coursework in respiratory therapy

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[Total Units in the Major 121]

Program Prerequisites: Complete all of the following	
CHEM101 - Introductory Chemistry	5
ENGL115 - Introduction to Technical Communication	3
COMMC1000/H - Introduction to Public Speaking/ Honors	3
ENGLC100/H - Academic Reading and Writing /Honors	3
PSYCC1000/H - Introduction to Psychology /Honors	3
RCP101 - Fundamentals of Respiratory Care	6
RCP103 - Concepts in Respiratory Care	6
RCP104 - Respiratory Care Pharmacology	3
RCP105 - Fundamentals of Clinical Respiratory Care	5
RCP201 - Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	3
RCP202 - Fundamentals of Intensive Respiratory Care	4
RCP203 - Seminar and Practicum in Respiratory Care I	6
RCP204 - Seminar and Practicum in Respiratory Care II	9
Any AVC GE Area 2	3
Any AVC GE Area 3	3
Any AVC GE Area 4	3
Any AVC GE Area 6	3
BIOL Option: BIOL 201 & 202 or BIOL 203A & BIOL 203B (Total 8)	
BIOL201 - General Human Anatomy	4
BIOL202 - General Human Physiology	4
OR	
BIOL203A - General Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL203B - General Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4

Required Courses -Complete ALL courses (Total 41)	
RCP301 - Advanced Cardiopulmonary Respiratory Care	3
RCP302 - Sleep Medicine and Respiratory Care	3
RCP303 - Advanced Respiratory Case Management	3
RCP304 - Principles of Health Education	3
RCP305 - Health Care Research Design and Methodology	3
RCP306 - Respiratory Care Leadership and Management I	3
RCP401 - Respiratory Care Leadership and Management II	3
RCP402 - Advanced Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	3
RCP403 - Respiratory Care Capstone Project 4	4
PSY301 - Organizational Behavioral Psychology	3
BIOL304 -Survey of Emerging & Remerging Infectious Diseases	3
PHIL300 - Bioethics	4
ENGL315 - Applied Technical Writing	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

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The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty
Take classes in Summer or Intersession if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units| Summer: Max 9 units| Intersession: Max 6 units

****Formal admittance to B.S. program to enroll in the following courses****

FALL 1	
Course	Units
RCP 301	4
PSY 301	3
RCP 302	3
Total Units	9

SPRING 1	
Course	Units
RCP 303	3
ENGL 315	3
RCP 304	3
Total Units	9

SUMMER 1	
Course	Units
RCP305	3
Total Units	3

FALL 2	
Course	Units
PHIL300	4
RCP306	3
RCP401	3
Total Units	10

SPRING 2	
Course	Units
RCP 402	3
RCP306	3
RCP401	3
Total Units	10

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- Fall Admission: May -July (specific dates tbd)

For the most current application information, please visit: www.avc.edu/program/bsrc

Honors Courses: COMMC1000H/ PSYCC1000H / ENGLC1000H.
Students may take either COMMC1000/ PSYCC1000 / ENGLC1000, or COMMC1000H/ PSYCC1000H / ENGLC1000H. Duplicate credit will not be awarded. This honors course is intended for students in the Honors Transfer Program. For more information about Honors Transfer Alliance Program visit: <https://www.avc.edu/academics/programs-and-pathways/honors>



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Requirements of Program if Offered Admission

Students who are offered a space in the program are required to adhere to the background, physical and vaccination guidelines set forth within the clinical affiliation agreements AVC Health programs have with various hospitals and doctors office's. If you fail to meet those requirements, you will not be able to proceed in the Respiratory Therapy Program.

For the most current and up-to-date general education information, please visit the AVC Counseling website.: <https://www.avc.edu/program/respiratory-caretherapy-rsp>

The Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC) provides students who already possess the associate degree and licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCPs) with additional knowledge, skills, and attributes in leadership, management, education, research and advanced clinical practice.

The BSRC allows students to accomplish their professional goals and prepare for advanced degrees without leaving the Antelope Valley, and at a fraction of the cost compared to other institutions offering bachelor's degrees.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Applicants:

1. A minimum GPA of 2.0 across all college coursework
2. Completion of an Associate Degree in Respiratory Care from a Co-ARC-accredited program
3. Hold an RRT license or be eligible for licensure
4. Completion of the courses listed below

Baccalaureate Application Process

Applicants seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC) program must follow the instructions outlined below:

1. Complete the Application for Enrollment Form. The application is available on the BSRC program webpage. The application is only available during the application period.
2. Upload Required Supporting Documents. As part of the application, students must upload a current Education Plan completed by the AVC Counselor assigned to the BSRC program. Education Plans must be from the spring term of the year the student is applying.
 - Scheduling: Appointments must be scheduled with BSRC counseling personnel only. Students should schedule early, as appointments fill quickly. Appointments may be made by calling (661) 722-6300 ext. 6338.
 - Approved Personnel: For current counseling personnel, visit the program webpage.
3. Submit Official Transcripts. Order official transcripts from all previously attended post-secondary institutions, including Antelope Valley College, and have them sent electronically to bachelors@avc.edu (Attention: Rocio Heasley).
 - Advanced Placement (AP): If students have AP credits, an official AP Score Report must be sent directly from the College Board to Antelope Valley College.
 - External Records: All applicants must ensure one set of official transcripts from all institutions outside of Antelope Valley College must also be on file with AVC.
4. Submit Your Application. The online application and all required document uploads must be completed at the time of submission. Students should ensure all official transcripts have been ordered prior to submitting the application. Mailed paper application packets and in-person submissions are no longer accepted. Applicants must submit only one application per cycle; submitting multiple applications will not improve the likelihood of admission.

The program maintains a temporary waiting list for the current cycle only; applicants who are not admitted must reapply during a future application cycle.

For the most current program information, please visit: www.avc.edu/program/bsrc

What to know before you apply:

Application Process:

Applicants seeking admission to the BSRC program must follow the instructions outlined below. All required forms are available under the Program Forms and Documents section at the bottom of the page.

Beginning with the upcoming 2026 application cycle, BSRC applications can be submitted online. Starting May 26, applicants should complete the online [Application for Enrollment](#) form. For online applications, follow the instructions on the online form. Hard-copy applications will continue to be accepted during the transition.

1. Complete the BSRC Application for Enrollment form.
2. Attach official college transcripts for all post-secondary institutions attended, including Antelope Valley College (AVC). If you have Advance Placement (AP) credits, an official transcript must also be included. The AP transcript must be ordered from College Board. "Official" college transcripts must be submitted in a sealed envelope that has not been opened by the student.
 - One set of transcripts is to be turned in with your application and one set must also be on file with the AVC transcript office.
 - For multi-screening criteria; consideration of prior degrees earned: appropriate degree name and conferral date must be listed on the official transcript.
 - Students in their final semester of the RCP program at AVC, graduating in Spring 2025, are exempt from submitting official AVC transcripts; however, transcripts for other post-secondary institutions are still required.

3. Attach a copy of your updated Education Plan completed by the BSRC assigned counselor. Appointments can be made by calling (661) 722-6300 ext. 6338. Request to meet with the following Counselor:

- Nathasha Hong*

**Approved to evaluate transcripts from other institutions.*

4. Submit items 1 through 3 to Project Supervisor Rosie Heasley in Enterprise Lab (EL), Room 136.

- These items collectively constitute your "application packet".
- You may also mail your application packet to:

Antelope Valley College

Attn: Rosie Heasley

3041 W. Avenue K

Lancaster, CA 93536

• For drop-off hours, call (661) 722-6300 ext. 6882.

• An after-hours mailbox is available outside Rosie Heasley's office EL-136 for your convenience.

Students are advised of eligibility to enroll in the BSRC program via their AVC student email. Students not admitted need to reapply the following year. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

All required forms are available under the Program Forms and Documents section (bottom of page).

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