



# What Can I Do with This Major?

## Respiratory Care/Therapy

Respiratory care practitioners work in a wide variety of settings to evaluate, treat, and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders. The respiratory care practitioner participates in clinical decision-making and patient education, develops and implements respiratory care plans, applies patient-driven protocols, utilizes evidence-based clinical practice guidelines, and participates in health promotion, disease prevention, and disease management. The respiratory care practitioner may be required to exercise considerable independent judgment, under the supervision of a physician, in the respiratory care of patients. The respiratory care program is the only program in the Antelope Valley that prepares students for entry-level practice in the field.

## AVC Certificates & Degrees

- Respiratory Care/Therapy associate degree
- Bachelor of Science Degree Respiratory Care

## Examples of Work Industries & Employers

Hospitals  
Clinics and medical centers  
Home Healthcare

Physicians' offices and medical groups  
State and local health departments

Retirement homes  
Nursing homes

## Possible Job Titles

Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Respiratory  
Therapist  
Certified Respiratory Therapist

Registered Respiratory Therapist  
Respiratory Care Practitioner  
Respiratory Therapist

Staff Respiratory Therapist  
Staff Therapist