



AS - Respiratory Care Degree 19-20

Recommended Program Sequence

All courses with a + sign indicate a pre-requisite or co-requisite

Warning! Complete BIOL 101+, CHEM 101+, BIOL 201+, & BIOL 202+ to apply to the program (2.0 min. GPA required)

First Fall Semester: Maximum 19 units.		Units	Second Fall Semester: Maximum 19 units.		Units
RCP 101+, Fundamentals of Respiratory Care		6	RCP 201+, Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care		3
RCP 102+, Clinical Preparation for Respiratory Care		1	RCP 202+, Fundamentals of Intensive Respiratory Care		4
* Course from GE requirement Area D1 (ENGL 101+)		3	RCP 203+, Seminar and Practicum in Respiratory Care I		6
* Course from GE requirement Area C		3			
* May be completed prior to the program		Total	Total		13
First Intersession(6 units Maximum)		Units	Second Intersession(6 units Maximum)		Units
First Sprig Semester: Maximum 19 units.		Units	Second Spring Semester: Maximum 19 units.		Units
RCP 103, Concepts in Respiratory Care		6	RCP 204+, Seminar and Practicum in		9
RCP 104+, Respiratory Care Pharmacology		3	PSY 101, General Psychology		3
* Course from GE requirement Area D2 (MATH 102+)		4	* Course from GE requirement Area F		3
* COMM 103, Process of Communication		3			
* May be completed prior to the program		Total	* May be completed prior to the program		Total
		16			15
Summer: Maximum 9 units.		Units	This program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). (Accreditation # 200523) 1248 Hardwood Road - Bedford, TX 760214244 (817) 283-2835 - www.coarc.com		
RCP 105, Fundamentals of Clinical Respiratory Care		5			
		Total	Graduate		
		5			

The state requires all students to have a Comprehensive Educational Plan. Make a counseling appointment as soon as enrollment is established on any term. Come by the Counseling Center or call.

Required Courses: (Complete with a C or better)	Units
RCP 101+, Fundamentals of Respiratory Care	6
RCP 102+, Clinical Preparation for Respiratory Care	1
RCP 103, Concepts in Respiratory Care	6
RCP 104+, Respiratory Care Pharmacology	3
RCP 105, Fundamentals of Clinical Respiratory Care	5
RCP 201+, Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care	3
RCP 202+, Fundamentals of Intensive Respiratory Care	4
RCP 203+, Seminar and Practicum in Respiratory Care I	6
RCP 204+, Seminar and Practicum in	9
Units Required for Major:	74
<i>The following prerequisites courses must be completed to apply to the program</i>	
Prerequisite Required Courses: (C or better)	Units
BIOL 101+, General Biology	4
BIOL 201+, General Human Anatomy Pre-req: BIOL 100 or 101 or 102 or 110 or 120	4
CHEM 101+, Introduction to Chemistry Pre-req: MATH 102 or higher	5
BIOL 202+, General Human Physiology Pre-Req: BIOL 201 & CHEM 101	4
Area F Diversity Studies: (min. 3 units)	
Pre-req courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better and the grades posted on an official transcript at the time of submitting the "Verification of Prerequisites" form.	
General Education Requirements: Courses may be completed prior to program. These courses are mandatory as stated and cannot be substituted.	Units
PSY 101, General Psychology	3
Course from GE requirement Area C	3
ENGL 101+, Academic Composition	3
MATH 102+, Intermediate Algebra	4
COMM 103, Process of Communication	3
Course from GE requirement Area F	3
Units Required for General Education:	19
Minimum Total Units Required for AS Degree:	78.5
Area C Humanities: (min. 3 units)	
ART 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 110, 113, 120, 132, 135, 136+, 137+, 145, 150, 163, 170+, 210+, 213+	
CHIN 101, 102+, 201+, 202+	
COMM 103, 112, 114, 214+	
Other Prerequisites to apply to the RCP program	
1. Graduation from an accredited United States high school or an approved equivalent.	
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2. Freedom from communicable disease as verified by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner. Other health conditions that could impair the student's ability to perform the essential functions of a respiratory therapy student safely and competently will be examined on a case-by-case basis. The student should not have the physical examination until given the program forms by the Health Sciences division. Final acceptance into the respiratory care/therapy program will be dependent on the results of the physical examination.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE. All items in the process must be submitted together.

- Obtain the "Verification of Prerequisites" form from the Health and Safety Sciences Division office.
- Submit one set of official college transcripts to the Health and Safety Sciences Division office with the "Verification of Prerequisites" form. (Transcripts must be received in sealed, unopened envelopes.) If the student is transferring college courses from other colleges, the student should send a set of transcripts to the transcript office. It is the student's responsibility to contact college(s) attended for official transcripts. The student should contact educational institutions early in the process.

NOTE: Foreign transcripts of college work must be evaluated for equivalency to United States education by a credentials evaluation service. Subject and grade listing are required for college course work. Course descriptions must be provided. A list of credentials evaluation services is available from the Counseling department.

- Submit an Educational Planning and Evaluation Form provided by an AVC counselor. The counselor will evaluate progress toward graduation requirements and courses from other colleges for equivalency to AVC courses. Contact the Counseling Department for an appointment.

Submission of a "Verification of Prerequisites" packet does not guarantee a space in the program. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. "Verification of Prerequisite" packets are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be given spaces in the respiratory care program in numerical order until each class is filled. Students are advised of eligibility to enroll in respiratory care courses by mail. The student is responsible for informing the Health and Safety Sciences Division office of any change of address and/or telephone number.
2. A physical examination will be required after verification of prerequisites. The purpose of the examination is to ensure the absence of communicable disease and to ensure that the student is not adversely affected by physical and/or mental illness that may endanger the health and safety of a patient. Students will be required to submit evidence of the following immunizations: measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, Tdap (as an adult), annual seasonal flu vaccine, and hepatitis B. These immunizations are required by facilities where students will be having clinical experiences. Antelope Valley College does not provide these immunizations. A drug screening will be required.
3. Students are required to have background screening for felonies, misdemeanors, fraud and abuse, sexual crimes, and social security number verification. Information on how to obtain background screening will be sent to students with the acceptance letter. In addition, the Respiratory Care Board of California requires applicants for licensure to submit fingerprints for criminal background check and driver history. The Board may deny a license for reasons specified in the Business and Professions Code, Sections 480 and 3733 through 3763.
4. Students are required to purchase personal liability insurance. Information about personal liability insurance will be sent to students with the acceptance letter. Completion of an educational program in respiratory care does not guarantee that a license will be granted by the Board.

Advisory: A condition of enrollment that a student is advised, but not required, to meet before or in conjunction with enrollment in a course or educational program.

Prerequisite: A condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a course or educational program. Prerequisites are enforced and a student will be blocked from enrolling or involuntarily dropped after enrolling if the student does not meet the stated prerequisite. A student must complete a course prerequisite with a satisfactory grade of A, B, C or P (pass).

Corequisite: A condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to simultaneously take in order to enroll in another course.

Corequisites are enforced and a student will be blocked from enrolling if the student does not meet the stated corequisite.

Electives: The remaining number of units (up to a minimum of 60) are considered electives. Any course that has already been counted toward (1) the general education requirements, or (2) the major, cannot be used as an elective. Any course with a designation of "CSU" at the end of a course description can be used as an elective for a CSU transfer and a "UC" designation for a UC school.

Grade Point Average Requirement: An overall grade point average of 2.0 ("C" average) is required.

Double Counting: While a course might satisfy more than one general education requirement, it may not be counted more than once for these purposes. A course may be used to satisfy both a general education requirement and a major or area of emphasis requirement.

Residency: Minimum of 12 units completed at AVC with a minimum of 9 of those units completed from the certificate/major. (credit earned by examination will not be included in these 12 units) Title 5, Section 54000: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>.

Requirements for Two or More Associate Degrees: To be eligible for multiple associate degrees, a student must have completed all of the graduation requirements for each degree.

Transfer: Students planning to continue studies at a four-year college or university after AVC should visit the Transfer Resource Center or the Counseling Center and consult with a counselor as soon as possible to develop a plan of studies. Additional preparation for the major information on official transfer articulation agreements from AVC to many CSU/UC campuses can be found at the following Web site: www.assist.org

The "Catalog Rights Policy" sets forth the criteria used for determining the degree requirements under which students may graduate. Please refer to the AVC Catalog for a detailed description or consult with a counselor.

