Breathe new life into your career

Take a deep breath. Now let it out. Feels good, doesn’t it? Breathing is something most of us take for granted, but many people have difficulty breathing on a daily basis. With the right degree in respiratory therapy, you could launch a healthcare career and help others breathe more easily. You might even save someone’s life!

Program objectives

Our associate’s degree program in respiratory therapy is designed to help you gain the clinical and laboratory skills you need to start a successful career as a respiratory therapist.¹ This degree offers practical, hands-on learning through clinical experience under the direct supervision of practicing respiratory therapists in real-world settings.

With your degree and proper certification,² you’ll be qualified to work in a wide variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and sleep disorder treatment centers.

Why choose California College San Diego?

California College San Diego provides the degree you need for the career you want—on your terms and on your schedule. You can go to class days or evenings, whichever works best for you, and get the flexibility of hybrid classroom or online³ courses.

Our degree programs are career-focused, without elective courses that you don’t need or want. Complete your associate’s degree in as few as 21 months!

And, because California College San Diego is smaller than most traditional colleges and universities, you can get more personalized attention and support from your instructors, tutors, advisors, and deans when you need it.

Skills gained

- Airway management
- Anatomy and physiology
- Cardiopulmonary pathophysiology
- Cardiopulmonary pharmacology
- Clinical practice
- Introductory polysomnography
- Lung hyperinflation therapy
- Mechanical ventilation
- Neonatal and pediatric care
- Pulmonary function testing

Possible careers

- Respiratory technician
- Respiratory therapist

¹ The state of California requires graduates to obtain registered respiratory therapist status in order to apply for their state license.
² Certifications/licenses may require additional study and/or cost and are not awarded by the college.
³ Online programs are offered by our affiliated institution, Independence University.

For graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the programs, and other data, visit cc-sd.edu/student-information. California College San Diego admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.
## RESPIRATORY THERAPY

**PROGRAM LENGTH: 21 MONTHS**

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### Prerequisite courses:

- Cardiopulmonary and Renal Anatomy and Physiology: 4.0
- Patient Assessment: 4.0
- Psychology of Motivation: 4.0
- Medical Terminology, Law, and Ethics: 4.0
- Intro to Respiratory Therapy, Microbiology, and Infection Control: 4.0
- Math, Chemistry, and Physical Sciences for Respiratory Therapy: 4.0

### General education:

- Anatomy and Physiology: 4.0
- Communication and Public Speaking: 4.0
- English Composition: 4.0
- College Algebra: 4.0
- Critical Thinking: 4.0
- Positive Psychology: 4.0

**Total minimum number of credits:** 117.5

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See college catalog for official program information.

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