

Employment Opportunities

Respiratory therapists can be found in a variety of medical settings: in hospitals, pulmonary rehabilitation centers, home care agencies, skilled nursing facilities, patient transport, sleep laboratories, doctor offices, and patient education programs.

With several types of respiratory-related ailments becoming more common in more age groups, employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase up to 26% over the next decade. The projected average annual earnings for Respiratory Therapists in the U.S. is \$62,000. The average annual salary in New Mexico is \$50,000. Therapists beginning their careers can expect to earn between \$42,000 and \$47,297.

Sourced from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



For more information

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Respiratory Therapy Program



Associate of Applied Science

The Respiratory Therapy Profession

Respiratory therapy is an allied health profession that deals with patients with cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory Therapists (RT) are health care professionals who evaluate, treat, and manage patients with respiratory problems and other cardiopulmonary disorders under medical supervision. Respiratory therapists perform patient assessment, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, emergency and critical care, patient education, pulmonary rehabilitation and home care.



Associate of Applied Science

San Juan College offers a Respiratory Therapy Program leading to an associate's of applied science degree. Graduating students are eligible to take the National Board Certification and Advanced Registry exams.

Admission Requirements

In order to assure quality standards throughout the Respiratory Therapy program the class sizes are limited. To aid in the selection process, the Respiratory Therapy admissions scoring criteria is used.

Prerequisites

BIOL	121	Introductory Biology
CHEM	110	Introductory Chemistry
MATH	114	Math for Health Careers *
ENGL	110	Freshman Composition *
COMM	110	Public Speaking
OR		
COMM	111	Interpersonal Communications

**Intermediate Algebra previously taken by an applicant may be considered.*

Admissions Test

Health Occupations Basic Entrance Test (HOBET) is the prescribed admissions test. Other tests would be considered such as the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Applicants who have earned an associate degree or higher are not required to take the admissions test.

