

Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy

According to the SACSCOC Off-Site Committee, the undergraduate Respiratory Therapy program was found to be non-compliant with Comprehensive Standard 3.5.4 as described below.

- 3.5.4** At least 25 percent of the course hours in each major at the baccalaureate level are taught by faculty members holding an appropriate terminal degree—usually the earned doctorate or the equivalent of the terminal degree. (Terminal degrees of faculty).

Response: The following data are provided to demonstrate compliance to this Comprehensive Standard for the B.S. in Respiratory Therapy program.

- 1) 48 of the 86 (55.8%) required hours in the curriculum are taught by terminal degreed faculty. (See Table 1 below.)
- 2) The Respiratory Therapy Program is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). According to CoARC, all programs must:
 - Have qualified faculty/instructors who hold appointments in the education program
 - Have faculty who demonstrate adequate knowledge and proficiency in their content areas
 - Have faculty who have proof of ongoing professional development related to their respective teaching areas

In 2011, the Respiratory Therapy program received a full accreditation award from CoARC with no citations noted during the site visit. The program was found to be in compliance with all of the required standards, including faculty requirements.

Table 1: Respiratory Therapy Program Curriculum (2013– 2014)

Number	Name	Credit hours	Instructor	Credentials	Terminal degree/Qualification
RST 311	Principles in Patient Assessment	4	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA
RST 312	Basic Respiratory Care Procedures	4	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST 313	Basic Resp Care Procedures Lab	3	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA
RST 314	Respiratory Care Pharmacology	3	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
MT 400	Health & Safety Management	1	Brianna Miller	M.S. ASCP Certified	M.S.
RST 321	Clinical Practicum in Resp Care I	4	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST 322	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy & Physiolo	3	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 323	Airway Management	2	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST 324	Pulmonary Pathology	2	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA

RST 325	Directed Study in Resp Care I	1	Jerry King/ Debra Laken	MAEd/ MAEd	MA
RST 326	Airway Management	2	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST 331	Clinical Practicum in Resp Care II	4	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 332	Mechanical Ventilation	4	Jonathan Waugh	PhD	PhD
RST 333	Mechanical Ventilation Laboratory	3	Jonathan Waugh	PhD	PhD
RST 334	Critical Care Monitoring	2	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST 411	Clinical Practicum in Respiratory Care III	4	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 412	Advanced Mechanical Ventilation	4	Jonathan Waugh	PhD	PhD
RST 413	Special Procedures and Pulmonary Function Testing	3	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 414	Special Procedures Laboratory	2	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST415	Directed Study in Respiratory Care II	2	Jerry King	MAEd	MA
RST421	Clinical Practicum in Respiratory Care IV	4	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 422	Long Term and Preventative Care	2	Jonathan Waugh	PhD	PhD
RST 423	Perinatal/Pediatric Respiratory Care	3	Susan Perkins	MAEd	Adjunct Faculty
RST 424	Long Term and Pediatric Laboratory	1	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA
RST 425	Laboratory Proficiency Practice	2	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST427	Review of Critical Care Concepts	1	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA
RST 431	Clinical Internship	6	Wesley Granger	PhD	PhD
RST 432	Directed Study in Respiratory Care III	2	King/Laken	MAEd/ MAEd	
RST433	Research for Respiratory Therapists	4	Granger/Waugh	PhD/PhD	PhD
RST 440	Asthma Certification Preparation Course	4	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA
RST 445	Educational Methods in Respiratory Care	4	Debra Laken	MAEd	MA

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