

**SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE**  
**RESPIRATORY CARE**  
**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**  
**FOR**  
**CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS (CRT to RRT)**

The Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT to RRT) program is designed as a college-level associate degree path for those who completed a CoARC accredited entry-level diploma program. This program prepares the CRT for therapist multiple choice examination as a respiratory care practitioner. The program incorporates the general education course theory with the professional courses to prepare graduates for the expanded roles required for allied health workers. Credit for professional curriculum completion and the CRT credential are awarded.

Graduates will receive the Associate of Applied Science Degree after completion of all course work and will be eligible to apply for the therapist multiple choice examination and the Clinical Simulations exam offered by National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Successful candidates earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

General education requirements may be taken before, concurrent with or after the respiratory classes; however, eligibility to sit for the exams will not be given until all courses are taken. Students must receive a “C” or better in each course, general education and respiratory care courses to receive their AAS degree.

The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (C0ARC), ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com))

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