

SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE

RESPIRATORY CARE

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST (RRT)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program is designed to prepare students for practice as a respiratory care practitioner. The Associate of Applied Science degree graduate is prepared in application of skills required to demonstrate proficiency as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. In addition to laboratory instruction, the student receives experience through clinical simulation laboratory and supervised work experience in several clinical settings. The program incorporates the general education courses with the professional courses to prepare graduates for the expanded roles required for the respiratory care practitioner. Graduates are employed primarily in hospitals, but employment opportunities are also available with home health, skilled nursing facilities, physicians' offices, DME and home medical equipment sales. Graduates are eligible to apply for the practitioner exam offered by National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Successful candidates earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (www.coarc.com).

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Graduates are eligible to sit for the entry-level NBRC exam (CRT), the written advanced-practitioner NBRC exam, and the clinical simulation NBRC exam.