

# TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY-SAN MARCOS

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## DEPARTMENT OF RESPIRATORY CARE

### Respiratory Care

The program in respiratory care prepares students to treat patients with deficiencies or abnormalities in respiration. Therapists work for hospitals, clinics, and home health agencies.

Respiratory care (RC) majors take classes on campus and gain clinical experience in area hospitals. RC courses must be taken in sequence. Students taking courses prior to applying for admission to the RC program should see a RC adviser for counseling. Students who have completed an associate degree program elsewhere may be eligible for transfer to Texas State's baccalaureate degree program. For information on this option, see the RC department chair. Texas State's respiratory care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and qualifies graduates to take the appropriate exams offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care when all requirements have been met.

**Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT)** – An Entry-level therapist who has completed two-year registry program or a four-year BS Degree. The CRT exam must be taken prior to sitting for the NBRC registry exam.

**Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)** – An advanced-practitioner that is a graduate of a two-year associate degree program or a four-year bachelor's of science degree program in respiratory care who passes the CRT entry level examination and two advanced level RRT examinations administered by the NBRC.

**Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP)** - A person given permission by a regulating authority, usually the state, to practice respiratory therapy within their jurisdiction. Certification to practice Respiratory Care on patients within the State.

### Admission Criteria

Application must be made to the program in respiratory care in addition to regular university admission procedures. All students entering this program must be accepted by both the university and the RC program. All applicants will be notified of their admittance status. Enrollment in the RC program is limited by student/faculty ratio in the clinical phases of the program. All RC courses must be taken in sequence and must be passed with at least a "C" grade.

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