CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2017
*[2017*03]*

Curriculum Program Title	**Respiratory Therapy**	Program Code	**A45720**
Concentration	**(not applicable)**	CIP Code	***51.0908***

Curriculum Description

The Respiratory Therapy curriculum prepares individuals to function as respiratory therapists through demonstrated competence in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective learning domains of respiratory care practice. Graduates perform diagnostic and therapeutic procedures with exposure to current and emerging practice settings.

The curriculum prepares graduates to operate within inter-professional teams and effectively communicate with clients/patients of various ages, ethnicities, and cultures. Application of problem solving strategies, applying ethical decision making, and understanding professional responsibilities are emphasized.

Graduates are eligible to complete the credentialing process through the National Board for Respiratory Care, which will qualify them for a license to practice in a variety of healthcare settings with responsibilities for assessment, treatment, management and education of patients with cardiopulmonary diseases.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

I. General Education. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.

II. Major Hours. AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*

III. Other Required Hours. A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	**Diploma**	**Certificate**
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	**64-76**	**36-48**	**12-18**

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

A. Core. The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.

B. Concentration *(if applicable).* A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit for required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.

C. Other Major Hours. Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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				AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required				**49 SHC**	**30 SHC**	**12 SHC**
A.	**CORE**			**35 SHC**	**18 SHC**	
	*Courses required for the diploma are designated with **					
Required Courses:						
*	RCP	110	Introduction to Respiratory Care 4 SHC			
*	RCP	111	Therapeutics and Diagnostics 5 SHC			
	RCP	210	Critical Care Concepts 4 SHC			
	RCP	211	Advanced Monitoring/Procedures 4 SHC			
Required Subject Areas:						
Clinical Education. *Select 18 SHC for AAS, 9 SHC for diploma:*						
	RCP	132	RCP Clinical Practice I 2 SHC			
	RCP	133	RCP Clinical Practice I 3 SHC			
	RCP	134	RCP Clinical Practice I 4 SHC			
	RCP	135	RCP Clinical Practice I 5 SHC			
	RCP	139	RCP Clinical Practice I 9 SHC			
	RCP	142	RCP Clinical Practice II 2 SHC			
	RCP	143	RCP Clinical Practice II 3 SHC			
	RCP	144	RCP Clinical Practice II 4 SHC			
	RCP	145	RCP Clinical Practice II 5 SHC			
	RCP	146	RCP Clinical Practice II 6 SHC			
	RCP	149	RCP Clinical Practice II 9 SHC			
	RCP	152	RCP Clinical Practice III 2 SHC			
	RCP	153	RCP Clinical Practice III 3 SHC			
	RCP	154	RCP Clinical Practice III 4 SHC			
	RCP	155	RCP Clinical Practice III 5 SHC			
	RCP	158	RCP Clinical Practice III 8 SHC			
	RCP	159	RCP Clinical Practice III 9 SHC			
	RCP	169	RCP Clinical Applications I 11 SHC			
	RCP	234	RCP Clinical Practice IV 4 SHC			
	RCP	235	RCP Clinical Practice IV 5 SHC			
	RCP	236	RCP Clinical Practice IV 6 SHC			
	RCP	237	RCP Clinical Practice IV 7 SHC			
	RCP	238	RCP Clinical Practice IV 8 SHC			
	RCP	245	RCP Clinical Practice V 5 SHC			
	RCP	246	RCP Clinical Practice V 6 SHC			
	RCP	247	RCP Clinical Practice V 7 SHC			
	RCP	248	RCP Clinical Practice V 8 SHC			
	RCP	269	RCP Clinical Applications II 11 SHC			

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B.	**CONCENTRATION** ***(Not applicable)***			
C.	**OTHER MAJOR HOURS** *To be selected from the following prefixes:* ASL, BIO, CIS, CSC, HSC, MED, PHM, and RCP *Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.* *Three semester hour credits may be selected from PTE.* *Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, IRI, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS, and SPA.*			