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OHLONE COLLEGE

Application for Admission to:

**The Respiratory Therapist
Associate Degree Program**

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL APPLICANTS FOR FALL 2021: PREREQUISITE INFORMATION

1. All prerequisite courses associated with the Respiratory Therapist Program must be completed prior to beginning the program. Transcripts with documented course completion OR proof of enrollment* must be submitted with this application. Updated course requirement listings are on the Ohlone.edu website on the Respiratory Therapist page.
2. The prerequisite courses required prior to entrance to the RT Program include:
 - a. Anatomy
 - b. Physiology
 - c. Chemistry
 - d. Microbiology
 - e. Algebra II or equivalent
 - f. Developmental Psychology
3. Prerequisite courses may be in-progress during the spring semester/quarter as long as the *Grade in Progress Form* is provided.

* If applicant is registered in an ongoing course, the *Grade in Progress* form will need to be submitted after the first major exam. Final transcripts demonstrating a “C” or better must also need to be submitted after the course is completed.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.0 WHAT IS A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST?

1.1 The Respiratory Care Practitioner is a licensed allied health care professional specializing in cardiopulmonary evaluation, treatment and management of persons with heart and lung abnormalities and disorders. They work with patients of all ages in a myriad of environments such as acute-care hospitals and clinics, home care agencies, specialized outpatient laboratories, or in education and industry.

2.0 ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING

2.1 The Respiratory Therapist Program at Ohlone is nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC).

2.2 Therapists are licensed by the State of California as **Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP)**. Upon graduation and successful completion of the Therapist Multiple Choice and Clinical Simulation Examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care, graduates become Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentialed. **ALL GRADUATES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE RRT LEVEL CREDENTIAL IN ORDER TO BECOME LICENSED IN THE STATE OF CA.**

3.0 HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM?

3.1 The Respiratory Therapist Program requires two years of study. This is a full time commitment; there is no part-time option in this program. Applicants should be aware that there are required orientations/activities that will be scheduled outside of normal classroom hours. If an applicant works they will need to be available for all of these sessions. Full time employment is not possible during the program.

3.2 The program enrolls FULL-TIME students who are able to complete all of their course work in a two-year period. There is one January clinical rotation, which is held during the winter break in the second year of the program.

4.0 WHERE ARE CLASSES HELD?

4.1 All students enrolled attend classes **primarily** at Ohlone College in Newark, in class and online. At times some classes **may** be held at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, or at an area hospital. Students entering the program must be prepared to be present for classes at the scheduled time.

5.0 WHAT DEGREE WILL BE GRANTED?

5.1 In order to become eligible to meet California state licensing requirements for entry into practice as a **Respiratory Care Practitioner**, all students in the program must earn the Associate in Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy from Ohlone College. A transcript indicating that all requirements have been met for the AS degree in Respiratory Therapy will be presented to the California State Licensing Board for Respiratory Care Practitioners.

6.0 WHAT ARE THE COSTS TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM?

6.1 Program Costs:

Note: Students pay enrollment fees at the college where they are electing units. All Ohlone Respiratory Therapy course enrollment fees are paid to Ohlone College. The following is the link for Ohlone's website <http://www.ohlone.edu/admissions/fees>

- a. **STUDENT HEALTH SERVICE** — Please check current fees with Ohlone College Admissions & Records Office. Additionally, students enrolled in Health Science Division Courses at Ohlone must pay a one-time fee to include evaluation of the health information. This is required prior to assigned clinical rotations in the program.
- b. **BACKGROUND CHECK / DRUG SCREEN COSTS**
Students in the Health Sciences Division must undergo a required background check and mandatory drug screening in order to complete the entrance requirements for the program. Information on current costs for this service will be provided to those students accepted into the program.
- c. **BOOKS AND SOFTWARE PROGRAM COSTS:**
You will spend approximately \$1000 on textbooks during the two years, less if you choose electronic versions. Most of the books are purchased in the first semester and are used throughout the program. A few additional books are required, course-by-course each semester. All students are expected to have reliable computer access, as all communications and course syllabi are delivered online. Additionally, some courses are held online during the program.

d. Other Costs:

- Costs for Pre-entrance health exams, titers and immunizations. (Students will be given information in the Acceptance Packet.)
- Uniform Costs – varies
- Transportation – varies
- Miscellaneous Supplies – \$150 (students will be expected to purchase lab supplies prior to the first week of the program)
- Self-Assessment Exams + software prep for board exams (required in year II of program – approximately \$450)
- Application for California License to practice is \$300 as of January 2021 (due final semester) + Live Scan clearance, ~ \$100
- Seminars and Professional Events – \$75 - \$300 (by individual event, not required)
- Additional costs as assigned within program guidelines

7.0 WHAT ARE THE PREREQUISITES?

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

ENGLISH

1. Completion of English 101A at Ohlone
OR
2. Complete English 122 at DVC
OR
3. Equivalent course at other college or university

ALGEBRA

1. Complete MATH 155 or other Intermediate Algebra OR college math course higher than Intermediate Algebra to meet new California Community College math requirement.
OR
2. Complete MATH 120 at DVC
OR
3. Equivalent course at other college or university

CHEMISTRY

1. Complete CHEM 106A or CHEM 109 at Ohlone.
OR
2. Complete CHEM 108 at DVC
OR
3. Equivalent course at other college or university

ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

1. Completion of a year-long sequence of Anatomy & Physiology courses at the time of application to program. (Biology 103A and 103B at Ohlone).
OR
1. Complete BIOSCI 139, 140 at DVC
OR
2. Complete equivalent course at another college or university

MICROBIOLOGY

1. Complete Biology 106 at Ohlone.
OR
2. Complete Biology 119 or 146 at DVC
OR
3. Complete equivalent course at another college or university

PSYCHOLOGY

1. Complete Psychology 108 at Ohlone OR
2. Complete equivalent course at another college or university

8.0 WHAT ELSE IS RECOMMENDED?

- 8.1** Applicants are now required to take all prerequisite courses in advance of enrolling in the program.
- 8.2** Other highly recommended courses, which will enhance students' ability to be successful in the Respiratory Therapist Program:
Speech
Computer Science
Medical Terminology
EKG
Phlebotomy
**These courses are NOT required for admission.
- 8.3** It is an advantage to students to complete as many general education requirements for the Associate degree prior to entering the program. The necessity of completing general education requirements along with Respiratory Therapist coursework places limitations on your schedule and personal time. The Associate degree is required by the Respiratory Care Board of California for all persons

applying for a license to practice in California, and is also required to take the National Board for Respiratory Care examinations. An Associate in Science degree in Respiratory Therapy shall be issued by Ohlone College without verification that all requirements for this degree have been met. It is required that you obtain an evaluation of your academic record by a counselor early in your course of study to verify courses that you will need to complete prior to graduation. We will arrange these evaluations once you are accepted.

9.0 HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM?

Application Process

9.1 Meet or currently be enrolled in the minimum pre-requisites for application to the RT Program (English, Algebra, Chemistry, Psychology, Microbiology, and Anatomy & Physiology) by or in the spring semester prior to the fall semester in which admission is sought.

9.2 Complete the program application that is at the end of this packet.

9.3 Submit the following **WITH** your Application:

- 1 Official copy of ALL transcripts demonstrating previous academic work. **NO ONE IS ADMITTED WITHOUT OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS IN THEIR OHLONE COLLEGE FILE PRIOR TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CLASS IN FALL SEMESTER. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- All transcripts should be ordered to be mailed to the applicant's home and **included in an envelope with the application**. DO NOT MAIL TRANSCRIPTS DIRECTLY TO OHLONE. Do not open the transcripts once you receive them.

Please Note: Transcripts from foreign countries will not be considered unless they have been translated and evaluated by an evaluation service acceptable to the Ohlone College Admissions and Records Office. This must be completed as part of the Application Process. Once the evaluation has been completed, students must meet with an Ohlone College counselor to discuss any remaining requirements for graduation. All prerequisite coursework must be completed in an accredited US Institution. Non-prerequisite coursework is admissible for application towards the AS Degree requirements. Information regarding foreign transcript evaluation services is available through the Ohlone College Admissions and Records Office and is posted on the college website.

- In-Progress Grade Verifications. If you are currently enrolled in a prerequisite course which is part of the RT Program (See Section 7 above), you must submit a copy of the In-Progress grade Verification Form (in this packet) to each of your current instructors, along with a stamped envelope addressed to:

**Respiratory Therapist Program
Ohlone College
39399 Cherry St.
Newark, CA 94560**

- Applications are accepted until the filing deadline (see application) or until the program is filled.
- **No application will be acted upon until all required materials are received as on complete packet.** All required documents, including transcripts, must accompany the application. Do not have transcripts sent directly to Ohlone College. **Incomplete applications will be rejected;** it is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a packet completely filled out with required materials. Falsification of any information provided is considered grounds for non-acceptance or dismissal from the program.

10.0 HOW ARE PERSONS SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

- 10.1** Applications will be reviewed to verify information. The program selects approximately 24 students each year. The specific number each year is dependent upon clinical placements which may vary in availability from year to year as well as program staffing needs.
- 10.2** If there are more qualified applicants than there are spaces available, a lottery will be conducted to admit students. Please Note: The Respiratory Care Board requires that all program graduates earn at least a “C” or better in all work attempted in the curriculum upon which the degree is based including a grade of “C” or better in each RT or related course and any prerequisite course. Both the Respiratory Care Board of California and the National Board for Respiratory Care require an Associate Degree for entry to practice. No degree will be issued without meeting the Ohlone College requirements for the Associate Degree. General Education and Science courses from DVC will transfer to Ohlone College for the AS degree. A Health Sciences counselor will review science courses that students desire to transfer from other colleges and universities. You may be asked to provide course descriptions and/or other documentation.

11.0 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE RESPIRATORY (IF ACCEPTED)

11.1 Submission of a completed Health Sciences Division Health Examination form along with the evaluation fee prior to the start of classes in the fall. **These forms will be provided upon acceptance to the program. Demonstration of positive titers, vaccinations and TB testing will be required at this time.**

11.2 In accordance with Regulations of the Respiratory Care Board of the State of California, if you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, you may not qualify to be licensed as a Respiratory Care Practitioner. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact:

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100
Sacramento, CA 95834
Ph: (916) 999-2190
Fax: (916) 263-7311
E-Mail:
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dca.ca.gov](mailto:rcbinfo@dca.ca.gov)
Website:
[www.rcb.
ca.gov](http://www.rcb.ca.gov)

NOTE: Respiratory Care Practitioners must be licensed in the State of California. Any conviction related to alcohol, drugs, or felonies may preclude you from obtaining a Respiratory Care license. Clinical facilities reserve the right to reject a student for clinical placement if that student does not present a clear background check.

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION FOR ALL
APPLICANTS**

IS DUE APRIL 30th