

# RESPIRATORY CARE

Career Cluster: Health Science  
Career Pathway: Therapeutic Services



**COURSE LENGTH** : 24 Months  
M-F; 8:15am-3:30pm  
Work-based learning hours: 6:30am-3:00pm

**WHO CAN ENROLL** : Adults

**COLLEGE CREDIT** : Associates Degree at Northern Oklahoma College upon completion of all program requirements.

**OHLAP** : Qualified Course

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION** : Health Occupations Students of America  
American Association for Respiratory Care (aarc.org)

**IN-DISTRICT TUITION** : \$1392 - 1st year  
TBA - 2nd Year

To prepare individuals to enter the rapidly growing health care industry as highly skilled respiratory therapists.

## DESCRIPTION

Respiratory Therapists (RT) are highly trained medical staff who work with patients who need assistance with respiratory or cardiopulmonary problems. An RT is proficient in the therapeutic use of medical gases, humidification, mechanical ventilation, artificial airways, chest physiotherapy and CPR. As a health care specialist, the RT may also be instrumental in the diagnosis, treatment and preventive care of patients with asthma, pulmonary emphysema, pulmonary edema and respiratory distress. Upon program completion, a student may test for Certified Respiratory Therapist credentials, Oklahoma License, and is eligible for the advanced level examination to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist.

## AREAS OF INTEREST & HELPFUL SKILLS

- Desire for excitement at work
- Fascination with technology
- Passion for helping others
- Interest and ability in science
- Operate well under pressure and stressful situations
- Desire for professional advancement

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Study theory in class and experience work-based learning at area medical facilities, including: St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Integris Bass Baptist Health Center, Tulsa St. John's Hospital and Tulsa Hillcrest Hospital, and OU Medical Center
- Train for air and ambulance transport, critical care and ventilators. Gain experience with specialties such as neonatal and pediatric care.
- Learn about sleep medicine.
- Receive training for pulmonary function testing and pulmonary rehabilitation.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Hospitals
- Home health care
- Medical and equipment sales
- Doctor's offices
- Specialized clinics

**AUTRY**  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER

This program is accredited by the Committee of Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), American Association for Respiratory Care and Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

## APPLICATION POLICY

Applicants must be high school graduates or have successfully completed the GED exam. Prior courses in math and/or science are strongly recommended.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Applicants should contact Student Services at Autry Technology Center to request an information/application packet. Applicants who have a completed application on file and satisfactory test scores will be considered for the program. Meeting the requirements does not guarantee admission to the program. The most qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. After the interview process, the admissions committee will select the most qualified applicants. Qualified in-district applicants will be considered first.

Final acceptance to the program requires a physical examination report to be on file, an OSBI background check, and a non-refundable tuition deposit of \$50.00.

## Contact Student Services

for more information.

# 580.242.2750

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

**Financial Aid:** There are financial aid options available for qualified students. Contact the financial aid office at Autry Technology Center for more information.

**Autry Scholarship:** This scholarship is available to high school graduates who: (1) live in the Autry district (2) lived in the Autry district during their senior year in high school, and (3) meet enrollment guidelines. This scholarship covers 100% tuition for up to three years. Students may attend during any of the three years immediately following high school graduation. The scholarship will only pay for tuition costs incurred during the three years immediately following high school graduation. The cost of books and other supplies are the responsibility of the student during their time at Autry. Scholarship eligibility will be reviewed each semester.

**Tuition:** In-district adult students pay in-district rates. Autry's district includes all patrons who reside in and/or currently pay property taxes to Garfield County. All others pay out-of-district rates.

**Expenses:** Expenses may include, but are not limited to: tuition, textbooks, professional liability insurance, uniforms, shoes, and supplies.

**Health Care:** Students are responsible for their own health care. Medical insurance is recommended.

Autry Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender, race, color, religion, disability, age, national origin or veteran status. Autry Technology Center no discrimina en bases de sexo, raza, color, religión, incapacidad, edad, origen de nacionalidad y estado de civil.

## FULL-TIME CAREER CONNECTIONS THROUGH AUTRY TECHNOLOGY CENTER



### BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Accounting Services  
Administrative Services  
Network Administration  
Web/Multimedia Services



### SERVICE CAREERS

Cosmetology  
Culinary Arts  
Early Care & Hospitality Education



### HEALTH

Dental Assistant  
Health Careers  
Medical Assistant  
MRI\*  
Practical Nursing\*  
Radiography\*  
Respiratory Care\*  
Surgical Technology\*



### TECHNICAL TRADES

Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Technology  
Automotive Technology  
Collision Repair Technology  
Construction Technology  
Diesel Technology  
Drafting & Design  
Firefighter  
Graphic Arts  
Mechatronics Systems\*  
Mechatronics  
Power Products Technology  
Welding Technology

\*These programs are for adult students only