

## Personality + Career

Respiratory care is a team-based, yet individual-driven field and is an integral part of the healthcare system. You will be successful if you are a self-motivated problem solver who likes working with people in a hands-on career.



Program	What do students learn in the program?	What you'll earn!	Career Opportunities	Certificate Preparation	Required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms
Respiratory Care	Students gain an in-depth knowledge of the cardiopulmonary system and learn assessment skills, the theory and practice of using medical gases, humidity, therapeutic aerosols, oxygen therapy, airway clearance techniques, and basic airway management. Students will also gain an understanding for the methods of evaluating and managing chronic cardiopulmonary conditions and how to develop and modify treatment plans. Respiratory pharmacology and pathology and the use of adult, pediatric, and neonatal ventilators and ventilator techniques are also taught. Case studies and patient scenarios are used to develop and practice assessment, monitoring, and recommending treatment plans.	\$29.20 hourly; \$60,737 annually	Advanced Respiratory Care Practitioner Respiratory Therapist	Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care exams and apply for state licensure.	Uniform and stethoscope. Ordering information will be provided during online program orientation.



### Full-Time Track

The program is located on the Lincoln Campus. The full-time track includes traditional face-to-face classes/labs/clinical rotations. The program is 18 months in length and starts in the Fall term. Students can expect to be in class/lab/clinical during the day/evening hours Monday through Friday.

### Part-Time Track

The part-time track provides classes in the online learning environment with lab and clinical rotations completed at a medical center as close to the student as possible. The program is 24 months in length and starts in the Spring term. Students should expect to spend approximately 30-35 hours each week on coursework.



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- ▶ Schedule a Campus Visit - [southeast.edu/visit](https://southeast.edu/visit)
- ▶ Explore career options with an Admissions Counselor - [southeast.edu/admissionsadvising](https://southeast.edu/admissionsadvising)
- ▶ Apply - [southeast.edu/applynow](https://southeast.edu/applynow)

### » Paying for SCC

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)
- ▶ Scholarships - [southeast.edu/scholarships](https://southeast.edu/scholarships)
- ▶ Payment Plan - [mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast](https://mycollegepaymentplan.com/southeast)
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## Respiratory Care



Let out a deep breath and discover a rewarding career as a respiratory therapist. We will prepare you to evaluate, treat and care for patients with conditions affecting their lungs, heart and other body systems.

A valued member of the healthcare team, you will learn normal values and how to recognize and treat abnormal conditions.

Respiratory therapy is a wonderful, diverse career choice, and the need for therapists is great. As a respiratory therapist, you will follow specific, well-defined respiratory care procedures under the direction of a physician.

The Respiratory Care program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)) 264 Precision Blvd, Telford, TN 37690, (817) 283-2835, [www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com). Programmatic Outcomes Data can be found at <https://coarc.com/students/programmatic-outcomes-data/>

This program leads to licensure or certification. Refer to the program's webpage for information on states and territories where this program does and does not meet requirements. For more information, contact the program director.

### Program Contact Information

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# The SCC Experience

- » The SCC Respiratory Care program offers two options to meet your needs. Students can take the program in person or online, or a hybrid option of the two.
- » You will focus on classroom and lab practice at the start of the program as clinical experiences increase toward the end. Faculty are committed to teaching you the skills to safely practice in the clinical setting.
- » SCC's program is fast-paced and prepares students to succeed in the workplace. Early terms focus on classroom and lab practice, and clinical experiences are increased toward the end of the program, giving students real-life experience.
- » SCC offers innovative learning spaces with the latest in equipment and technology in our state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building. Our program is a vital part of the Inter Professional Simulation at SCC, which gives all SCC health science students the opportunity to collaborate for patient care.
- » Upon completion of the program, you will be eligible to sit for the National Board for Respiratory Care exams and apply for state licensure.



## Related Health Programs at SCC:

- Associate of Health Sciences
- Radiologic Technology
- Surgical Technology
- Practical Nursing
- Polysomnographic Technology



Program	In what term do students start clinicals?	Where do students participate in clinicals?	In general, what time of day and days of the week can students expect to attend clinical?	Will the program help student secure their sites? Do students need to contact clinical sites prior to acceptance/placement?	How many clinical hours do students complete in the program?
Respiratory Care	Spring	Most clinicals for the face-to-face program are completed at healthcare facilities in and around Lincoln. Clinicals for online students are arranged near the student's location.	Clinical schedules will vary based on site availability.	The clinical coordinator will place students based on required hours and availability. Students should not contact potential clinical sites.	760

Program	Credential	Location	Credit Hours	Tuition/Fees*	Books/Fees/Supplies	Tools	Total Cost*	Starting Term(s)	Number of Semesters Required-Full Time	Is summer term required for Full Time?	Online Option	Can the program be completed entirely online?	Part-Time Option	Number of Semesters Required - Part Time	Is a summer term required for Part Time?	Typical Class Schedule
Respiratory Care	Associate of Applied Science	Lincoln, Online	62	R- \$7,626 NR- \$8,928	\$1,725	\$100	R- \$9,351 NR- \$10,753	Fall: Face-to-Face Spring: Online	4	Yes	Yes	Yes. Students will complete coursework online, and will attend skills lab and clinicals in person.	Yes	6	Yes	Classes are scheduled Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

\*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.