



Associate Degree Program **RESPIRATORY CARE**



About This Program

Respiratory care practitioners use their knowledge and expertise under the direction of a physician to bring relief to patients with breathing impairments. Respiratory care students at Carrington College establish a solid base of knowledge and continue on into focused coursework, hands-on clinical instruction and practice in a computerized simulation lab. The program includes clinical practice in which students apply their skills and knowledge to real-world situations in actual health care environments. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) credentialing exams*. The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at carrington.edu/cc/rc.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

*Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program. Credential preparation varies by location.

General Education Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Communication skills
- Mathematics
- Social sciences
- Applied sciences

Technical Coursework

The Respiratory Care program covers medical terminology, patient assessment, a variety of respiratory therapies, ventilation concepts and applications and case analysis and management. Students gain hands-on experience at approved health care facilities during clinical rotations.

Students may also need to meet admission and/or progression requirements, including drug screening and background checks.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.



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Careers in Respiratory Care*

Practicing under the direction of a physician, respiratory therapists perform therapeutic respiratory treatments and diagnostic procedures. They are required to exercise considerable independent clinical judgment in the care of patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Respiratory therapists (respiratory therapy technicians) consult with physicians and other health care professionals to help develop and modify patient care plans.

There are a number of possible paths that you could follow as a qualified respiratory therapist. You can seek employment in health care settings, such as:

- Hospitals
- Physicians' offices
- Home care
- Nursing care facilities
- Assisted living facilities

*Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Respiratory Care program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate skill in patient examination, assessment, treatment recommendation, and appropriate therapeutic intervention of various cardiopulmonary diseases
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

The Respiratory Care Associate of Science degree program at the Las Vegas (#200542), Phoenix East (#200390) and Pleasant Hill (#200536) campuses is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, 817 283 2835. The Commission's web address is coarc.com.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Respiratory Care program is offered to new students at:

LAS VEGAS, NV
PHOENIX EAST, AZ

PLEASANT HILL, CA