

# RESPIRATORY THERAPY

**Program Number:** 10-515-1

Associate of Applied Science Degree

**Campus:** Fond du Lac

This program is eligible for financial aid (<http://www.morainepark.edu/financial-aid/>)

Full-Time Enrollment Only

Become a respiratory therapist in less than three years with an associate degree from Moraine Park Technical College.

## About the Program

Respiratory therapists work as part of a health care team to evaluate, treat and manage patients of all ages with respiratory and other cardiopulmonary disorders.

Respiratory therapists see patients with diseases, infections and viruses of the cardiopulmonary system, such as lung cancer, asthma, emphysema, bronchitis and pneumonia. Common respiratory care includes managing mechanical ventilation life support systems, assessing the cardiopulmonary status of patients, drawing blood samples, performing blood gas analysis and pulmonary function testing, initiating ordered respiratory care, evaluating and monitoring patients' responses to such care and modifying the prescribed respiratory therapy and cardiopulmonary procedures. Respiratory therapists also provide patient, family and community education, and participate in life support activities as required. Upon graduation, Moraine Park Respiratory Therapy students are qualified for admission to the entry-level and advanced practitioner examinations to become a registered respiratory therapist.

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com) (<http://www.coarc.com/>)), Moraine Park's Respiratory Therapy program (CoARC #200444<sup>1</sup>) awards an Associate of Applied Science degree, and is offered at the Fond du Lac Campus. CoARC accredits respiratory therapy education programs in the United States. To achieve this end, it utilizes an 'outcomes based' process. Programmatic outcomes are performance indicators that reflect the extent to which the educational goals of the program are achieved and by which program effectiveness is documented.

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Outcomes data from the 2022 Annual Report of Current Status has been posted on the CoARC website. Follow this link directly to the CoARC website:

<https://coarc.com/students/programmatic-outcomes-data/>

## What You'll Learn

Moraine Park Respiratory Therapy students gain hands-on experience in applying respiratory therapy concepts to patient care situations, demonstrating technical proficiency required to fulfill the role of a respiratory therapist and practice respiratory therapy according to established professional and ethical standards.

## Transfer Opportunities

Earn credits at MPTC and transfer to a four-year college to earn your bachelor's degree.

Visit the Transfer to a Four-Year College (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/transfer-to-a-four-year-college/>) page for

more information on credit transfer agreements between Moraine Park and four-year colleges, both public and private.

## Additional Information

**State Licensure Disclosure:** Moraine Park's Respiratory Therapy program prepares students to obtain the educational requirements for licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. No determination has been made if the curriculum matches the educational requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure for other states. Visit the Accreditation (<http://www.morainepark.edu/about-mptc/accreditation/#accreditation>) page for more details about accreditation.

Licensing Organization: American Association of Respiratory Care (<http://www.aarc.org>)

Clinical evaluation of competencies is the exit assessment graduation requirement for the program.

## Admission Process

Standard Admissions (<http://www.morainepark.edu/admissions/new-student/how-to-apply-for-admissions/>) steps details

This program also requires:

- Health Requirements
- Criminal Background Check

## Credit for Prior Learning

Earn college credit outside the classroom through Moraine Park's Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Credit opportunities are available for:

- Previous college coursework from prior institutions
- Military training and experience
- Passing of MPTC or national exams
- Skills or knowledge developed on the job or through other life experiences

Visit MPTC's Credit for Prior Learning (<https://www.morainepark.edu/academics/transfer-information/credit-for-prior-learning/>) page for more information.

## Approximate Costs

### Tuition

#### Occupational

- \$146.20 per credit (resident)
- \$219.30 per credit (out-of-state resident)

#### Associate of Arts/Associate of Science

- \$188.90 per credit (resident)
- \$283.35 per credit (out-of-state resident)

Online students are not charged out-of-state fees.

### Student Fees

- \$4.50 minimum per course Material Fee
- \$12.50 per-credit Supplemental Fee for Undergraduate courses
- \$10 minimum per credit Online Course Fee (Fee suspended for 2023-2024)
- \$4.50 per term mandatory Student Accident Insurance Fee

Please refer to Tuition & Fee Information (<https://catalog.morainepark.edu/admissions-registration/tuition-fee-information/>) for additional enrollment fee information.

## Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available for associate degree and technical diploma programs (those that are 2 semesters in length and typically with 28 credits or more). Processing can take 4-5 weeks after a student's completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>)) is received. Visit the Financial Aid (<https://www.morainepark.edu/pay-for-college/financial-aid/>) page to learn more.

While attending Moraine Park during the 2023-24 school year, your estimated cost of attendance for one full year includes tuition of \$4,375 (15 credits for fall and spring semester), fees of \$338, food and housing of \$4,052 (if living with parents, \$9,614 if living on your own), books and supplies of \$2,061, personal expenses of \$2,245, and transportation of \$2,007 for a total of \$15,161. Your direct costs (those costs paid directly to the college) include tuition & fees. The indirect costs (costs not paid to the college) can vary from individual to individual and your own personal needs.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Clinical Admissions Requirements</b>		
<b>Petition Process - Please see Admission Process</b>		
801-136	English Composition 1	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>		
501-101	Medical Terminology	3
515-111	Respiratory Survey	3
515-171	Respiratory Therapeutics 1	3
806-197	Microbiology	4
890-101	College 101	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
103-159	Computer Literacy - Microsoft Office	1
515-112	Respiratory Airway Management	2
515-172	Respiratory Therapeutics 2	3
515-173	Respiratory Pharmacology	3
515-174	Respiratory and Cardiac Physiology	3
801-196	Oral and Interpersonal Communication	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
515-175	Respiratory Clinical 1	2
<b>Credits</b>		<b>2</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
515-113	Respiratory Life Support	3
515-176	Respiratory Disease	3
515-178	Respiratory Clinical 2	3
515-179	Respiratory Clinical 3	3

Behavioral Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
515-180	Respiratory Neonatal and Pediatric Care	2
515-181	Respiratory and Cardio Diagnostics	3
515-182	Respiratory Clinical 4	3
515-183	Respiratory Clinical 5	3
Social Science Course ( <a href="https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/">https://catalog.morainepark.edu/academic-programming/general-education/behavioral-social-science/</a> )		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>68</b>

## Additional Program Requirements

Due to accreditation requirements, completion of mock certification and registry exams are required for graduation.

## Program Outcomes

- Apply respiratory therapy concepts to patient care situations.
- Demonstrate technical proficiency required to fulfill the role of a Respiratory Therapist.
- Practice respiratory therapy according to established professional and ethical standards.

## Career Opportunities

- Respiratory Therapist
- Respiratory Care Practitioner
- Respiratory Care Therapist
- Staff Therapist
- Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist
- Perinatal/Pediatric Therapist
- Pulmonary Function Technologist/Therapist
- Sleep Disorder Center Technician
- Nursing Home Therapist
- Respiratory Care Educator
- Pulmonary Case Navigator
- Home Care Therapist/Manager
- Acute Care Respiratory Therapist

## Statewide Median Salary for Recent Graduates

\$54,044