

**Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center & Southeast Missouri State University**  
**RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM**

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Applicants for the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center's Respiratory Therapy Program **MUST** meet the following admission requirements.

**Admission requirements:**

- ❖ Application Form to the Respiratory Therapy Program. **Application deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, unless seats remain open, then open until all seats are filled or August 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
(Online or printout; **submit to the Career & Technology Center**)
- ❖ **Completion** of the **FOUR** prerequisite college courses with a grade of 'C' or higher
  - *Anatomy & Physiology I - 4 hour course*
  - *Statistical Reasoning - 3 hour course*
  - *Chemistry 181 - 4 hour course*
  - *Introduction to Respiratory Therapy RT 100 - 3 hour course (spring semester before starting program)*
- ❖ 1-2 page *handwritten* paper describing interest in the field of Respiratory Therapy
- ❖ **ATI TEAS Test**- applicants must take the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).
- ❖ Completion of clinical "Shadowing" (see attached form)
- ❖ Interview with CGCTC respiratory instructor staff in spring semester.

Programmatic acceptance will be determined from the completed applicant pool. Each year's cohort of accepted students will be determined by the highest scores from the attached scoring rubrics (Interview, Letter, TEAS score, and Prerequisite grades). Alternate placement may occur based upon the number of applicants.

**Final acceptance is contingent upon criminal background check. Applicant will be responsible for background check fees. Applicants who have certain felonies (drug and violence) may not be eligible for a respiratory therapy license.**

Please contact the Cape Girardeau Career & Technology Center Respiratory Therapy Program at 573-334-0826 Ext 6709 with any questions. [Darnellp@capetigers.com](mailto:Darnellp@capetigers.com) or [Kernk@capetigers.com](mailto:Kernk@capetigers.com)

Applicants for whom English is a second language must show English proficiency by scoring in the high level for reading and listening and in the good level for speaking and writing on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language.) **Please have your results reported to Southeast Missouri State University.**

**ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT:** Southeast Missouri State University and the Office of Accessibility Services are committed to making every reasonable educational accommodation for students who identify as people with disabilities. Many services and accommodations which aid a student's educational experience are available for students with various disabilities. Students are responsible for contacting The Office of Accessibility Services to register and access accommodations. Accommodations are implemented on a case-by-case basis. For more information, visit the [Accessibility Services](#) page or contact Accessibility Services by phone at 573-651-5927.

**WHAT DOES A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST DO?**

Respiratory Therapist (RTs) are expanding their practice beyond respiratory therapeutics and diagnostics to many areas such as sleep laboratories, invasive and noninvasive cardiac diagnostics, bronchoscopy services, hyperbaric services, cardiac rehabilitation, EKG, and EEG. They are trained to use complex medical equipment such as mechanical ventilators, assist in high-risk deliveries, trauma and code situations. RTs are employed both locally and throughout the nation by hospitals, home care agencies, skilled nursing facilities, medical sales, and other healthcare facilities.

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM:

The nationally accredited CGCTC Respiratory Therapy Program in collaboration with Southeast Missouri State University offers a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy. Graduates are eligible to take the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) exams for the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential.

**In order to obtain the RRT credential (Registered Respiratory Therapist) graduates must take and pass the Entry Level Certification and the Advanced Level Exams.** Completion of this Nationally Accredited Respiratory Therapy Program with a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy from Southeast Missouri State University will satisfy the education requirements needed to apply for the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) Credentialing Exams.

**Missouri and most other states require National Certification or Registration along with criminal background checks in order to be licensed with the state as a Respiratory Therapy Provider.**

### PROGRAM OUTLINE:

The CGCTC Respiratory Therapy "core" courses begin in **August** with completion of the 21 month Advanced Level Registry Program scheduled for May.

**Attendance at all scheduled classes and clinicals is expected.**

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

##### **Fall Semester**

August to December with classes **Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 3:00pm** at the CGCTC. Mondays in November and December will include clinical observations at the clinical sites on day or evening shifts. There is approximately a **2-3 week Christmas break**.

##### **Spring Semester**

January to May **Clinical Rotations Monday - Wednesday** (Clinical rotations will vary on day, evening, and night shifts and will rotate between clinical sites)

**Class on Thursday and Friday** at the CGCTC from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

##### **Summer Semester**

May to August is similar to the Spring Semester schedule of three days of clinicals and two days of class. There is a **1.5 week break in June and 2 week break in August**.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Year

##### **Fall Semester**

August to December with classes **Monday through Wednesday 8:00am to 12:00pm** with Specialty Area Clinicals Thursday and Friday.

##### **Spring Semester**

January-May with classes **Monday through Wednesday 8:00am to 12:00pm** with Specialty Area Clinicals Thursday and Friday.

Clinical Rotations are scheduled at different hospitals utilizing approximate day, evening and night shifts.

**Day shift** 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM

**Evening shift** 2:00 PM - 10:30 PM

**Night shift** 10:00 PM - 6:30 AM (Night shift is Sunday-Tuesday)

Current clinical sites include: **Southeast Missouri Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center, Missouri Delta Medical Center (Sikeston), Perry County Memorial Hospital (Perryville), Landmark Hospital and Home Health Providers.** Additional clinical sites and specialty areas may be utilized as needed.