



RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

Respiratory therapists care for patient(i)-1.7((t)110W693.96 T)rtv

CAREER DESCRIPTION*

- » National median salary: \$77,960
- » National projected career growth: 13%
- » Many work in hospitals
- » Treat patients using a variety of methods, including chest physiotherapy and aerosol medications
- » Perform various tests to determine lung capacity and blood oxygen and carbon dioxide levels

TYPICAL EDUCATION**

- » Years of School (including undergraduate): 2-4
- » Certification required: CRT or RRT

NEARBY SCHOOLS & CLASS SIZE

- » Metropolitan Community College (associate's degree)
- » Nebraska Methodist College (associate's & bachelor's degrees)
- » Southeast Community College (associate's degree)
- » University of Kansas Medical Center (bachelor's degree)

COMPETITIVE STUDENTS ALWAYS...

- » Shadow professionals in the field
- » Have strong academics in math & science courses
- » Have Basic Life Support (BLS) certification before applying

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL SAY

UNO Health Careers Resource Center
307 Allwine Hall | 402.554.5980
unohealthcareers@unomaha.edu
cas.unomaha.edu/hcrc

*Data and information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Data and information from UNMC

Last update: 9.2024

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its education programs or activities, including admissions and employment.

Click here for requirements from the schools listed below:

Metropolitan Community College	Nebraska Methodist College
Southeast Community College	University of Kansas

*Prerequisites vary by program. Students are responsible for ensuring all entrance requirements are met.

*Most schools prefer science classes to be taken in-person versus online.

Nebraska Methodist College Transferrable Courses

S = Spring, F = Fall, M = Summer

Biological Sciences (minimum credits: 12)			
Course	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites
BIOL 2440 The Biology of Microorganisms & Lab	4	F, S, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 2740 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4	F, S, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 2840 Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4		