

Thank you for your interest in the Respiratory Care Program at San Jacinto College.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION**

The Department of Respiratory Care will be accepting applications for the Spring 2019 term from August 1, 2018 to November 1, 2018. We will also be accepting students in the Fall 2019 semester. The application period for Fall 2019 will be January 1 to June 1. Interested students need to complete an application to the college (if they are not already a San Jacinto College student), complete a program application, include an unofficial transcript to the program for evaluation and complete a background check at [www.castlebranch.com](http://www.castlebranch.com). The instructions for CastleBranch are on the attached page. If you are currently attending San Jacinto College you may obtain transcripts from the college web site at SOS. You can e-mail your information to me at [Carrol.LaRowe@sjcd.edu](mailto:Carrol.LaRowe@sjcd.edu) or if you choose to mail your application, the address is:

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Student applications for Spring 2019 will be evaluated and students should receive notice of application outcome by November 15, 2018.

It is important for students to understand that prior to registering for classes they will be required to complete a physical examination at their own expense with the physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant of their choice. The form for the physical examination will be included with the letters of acceptance. All students who are accepted into the program will be required to pass a drug screen. Information for the drug screen will also be included with the acceptance letter. If you are not currently registered at San Jacinto College you will need to make formal application to the college at the college web site <http://www.sjcd.edu/> and official transcripts will need to be sent to enrollment services.

The Department of Respiratory Care offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree Program. Graduates are qualified to apply to take the examination for entry-level Certified Respiratory Therapist as well as the advanced Registered Respiratory Therapist examination administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Due to the limited number of clinical spaces, students are admitted on a competitive basis. All candidates must be counseled by the Department of Respiratory Care at San Jacinto Community College District.

#### Philosophy

The philosophy of the Department of Respiratory Care adheres to the philosophy of San Jacinto Community College District. Respiratory Care is the allied health discipline which provides care through the use of diagnostic testing to patients with abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary systems. Respiratory therapists practice their specialty under the direction of licensed physicians and perform their duties in a variety of settings, including intensive care units, neonatal/pediatric

special care units, general hospital wards, emergency/trauma units, extended care facilities and the home. Due to the nature of the services provided, respiratory therapists must be able to apply knowledge gained through academic education to clinical problems and rationally care for the patient. Graduates of the programs offered by the Department of Respiratory Care are prepared as contributing members of the health care team.

### Objectives

Upon completion of the program offered by the Department of Respiratory Care, the student should be able to:

1. Utilize patient care processes and scientific principles to provide respiratory care to patients in health care facilities.
2. Participate as a contributing member of the health care team.
3. Assume personal responsibility for continued learning in order to maintain professional competency and promote the advancement of the field of respiratory therapy.
4. Successfully complete the credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care.

### Program Admission Criteria

Students who apply for admission to the Department of Respiratory Care will be selected on the basis of their coursework completed and overall GPA on all college coursework.

In order to apply to the Respiratory Care Program, students must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 and a San Jacinto College GPA of at least 2.0.

Applicants must complete 12 semester hours as specified below with at least a C average in the three courses and no grade lower than C prior to being accepted in the program.

- BIOL 2301 and 2101 – Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2301 and 2102 – Anatomy and Physiology II
- MATH 1314, MATH 1332, MATH 1342, or a higher level math
- RSPT 1101 – Introduction to Respiratory Care

Students must apply for admission to the Department of Respiratory Care by submitting a formal application along with unofficial copies of **all** transcripts to the Respiratory Care Department and all required official documents to the Office of Enrollment Services.

Applicants must meet all general College admission requirements.

Respiratory Care students must earn a grade of C or above in all Respiratory Care (RSPT) courses, science and mathematics courses, and must maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.0 in order to graduate from the Respiratory Care Program.

If the student earns a grade of D, F or W in a respiratory care course, the student will be required to repeat the course in which the unsatisfactory grade was earned and pass that course with a grade of C or better in order to progress in the program. A second earned grade of D, F, or W in

a Respiratory Care course will result in the student being dismissed from the program. To be considered for re-entry into the program the student must submit a written petition to the Respiratory Care Admission Committee, and if allowed re-entry, must satisfy the readmission criteria specified by the Committee.

Applicants to the Department of Respiratory Care will be notified by e-mail regarding their program admission status. Applicants who are not selected for admission to the Respiratory Care Program may reapply. Applicants who are accepted for admission into the Department of Respiratory Care, but who do not enroll, must reapply to be considered for admission at a later date.

A student currently on academic probation is ineligible to apply to the Respiratory Care Program.

A student who has failed a Respiratory Care course within the last 2 (two) years is ineligible to apply to the Respiratory Care program.

A student who has failed two Anatomy and Physiology courses in the last 5 years is ineligible to apply to the Respiratory Care program.

#### Application Periods

- January 1 through June 1
- August 1 through November 1

Classes begin each fall and spring term. For information please contact the Respiratory Care Department at 281-476-1864

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