



Respiratory Therapist Program Application Form

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Name: _____
 Mr./Mrs. Last First Middle

Address: _____
 Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail (Print Legibly): _____

**Note: We are not responsible for illegible or incorrect email addresses. A response may not be received by the student if not written legibly.*

Current Student? Yes No **Student ACM ID#:** _____

Have you applied to this program before? Yes No

Are you transferring from another college? Yes No

If transferring, please complete the following information:

Institution(s)	Address	Dates of Attendance	Degree or Credit Hours Completed

High School/GED: _____ **Graduation/GED Date:** _____

- Correspondence will be sent via email address indicated above (ACM email required once registered.)
 Notify the Respiratory Department of any changes after submission
- It is your responsibility to ensure that all requested documents are received prior to the deadline date.

List any healthcare work experience:

Have you applied to any Health Sciences classes at ACM previously? Yes No

Have you attended any Health Sciences classes at ACM previously? Yes No

Have you tested or trained as a medical professional? Yes No

Why do you believe you would be successful in this program?

I certify that all statements given on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Allegany College of Maryland does not discriminate against students or prospective students for reasons of race, sex, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, veterans' status, conditions of disability, or sexual orientation in admission, educational programs, and activities, scholarships and loan programs, or any terms and conditions of enrollment. The College complies with applicable state and federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

The Respiratory Therapist program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the



Respiratory Therapy Program

Expectations of a Candidate

I, _____, have read the Expectations of a Respiratory Therapy Candidate.

_____ I believe that I comply with all the Expectations and should be considered for the Respiratory Therapy Program at Allegany College of Maryland.

_____ I believe that I am unable to comply with all the Expectations; however, I wish to be considered for the Respiratory Therapy Program at Allegany College of Maryland. I have provided a written explanation of why I believe I do not meet the Expectations as stated.

_____ I believe that I am unable to comply with all of the Expectations. I wish to withdraw my request to be a candidate for the Respiratory Therapy Program. Explanations verbal or written are not necessary.

I understand that if I cannot comply with these Expectations, that it may be cause for my dismissal from the program at any time during my educational process.

Signature

Date

Witness

Date

• You must have your signature witnessed •
This application will not be accepted without witness signature.



Respiratory Therapist Program
Expectations

I. Choosing a health care profession:

The decision to work in the health care profession should be based on an understanding of various health care professions. Some health professions require working in intense situation with terminally ill or severely injured people. Respiratory therapy requires working with all types of people and various types of environments including, but not limited to rehabilitation centers, intensive care units, polysomnography labs, and private homes.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should feel comfortable working with person with various breathing-related illnesses, and have the desire to help alleviate these conditions.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should be able to treat and render assistance to all individuals, of all cultures, across the lifespan, without prejudice and repulsion.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

II. The profession of Respiratory Therapy:

Critical to the selection of a profession is the understanding of what the profession is, and what the profession does. Not everyone is suited to a specific profession.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist program knows the basic functions of the profession and agrees with the basic philosophy and practice of Respiratory Therapy.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program has a basic understanding and agrees with the philosophy of the Respiratory Therapist Program at Allegany College of Maryland.

A candidate has a basic understanding of the differences among other allied health professionals and Respiratory Therapy (nursing, radiology, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.)

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

III. Communications with other individuals and groups:

In Respiratory Therapy, the therapist is required to communicate and build relationships with other individuals of all ages, race, sex, and cultural differences. Therpists are required to communicate in groups. They should have an interest in several subjects in order to converse on a casual and therapeutic basis.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program must be able to communicate both orally and in writing, and be able to hear and see accurately to gather information and assess the patient.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should have some experience working with groups or clubs and would benefit from the role of a leader in a group or club.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

IV. Performance of duties:

Respiratory Therapy is a medically related profession. Independently being able to perform duties is a must. Personal, physical, or mental problems and other employment, regardless of nature, should not interfere with the performance of assignments and class/clinic attendances.

Expectations:

Candidates for the Respiratory Therapist Program are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical and didactic courses.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program will be responsible for the cost of traveling, food, as well as housing, if necessary, when attending didactic courses and clinical rotations.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should be a responsible individual. Those students must meet the requirement set forth in the college Respiratory Therapy Department as well as requirements set forth at all clinical affiliation sites.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program must be able to reach, manipulate and operate the equipment necessary to work with patients. A candidate must also be able to move, transfer, manipulate and observe a patient as necessary to perform didactic and clinical assignments.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should be able to demonstrate emotional and psychological health in day-to-day situations with patients and staff in routine and non-routine situation and in daily didactic and clinical situations.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

V. Policies and procedures:

The Respiratory Therapy student is responsible for adhering to the policies and procedures of Allegany College of Maryland and all organizations they attend for their clinical rotations.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program shall seek knowledge of and abide by all policies and procedures of the college and clinical affiliation sites.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

VI. Appearance:

Respiratory Therapy is a medically related profession. Often, the medical profession is critical of certain attire for safety and patient care reasons. For example, some affiliation sites prohibit abstract jewelry, heavy perfumes/cologne, etc.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program must dress in accordance with the Respiratory Therapist Program at Allegany College of Maryland and the policies of the clinical affiliation sites.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

VII. Response to emergency situations:

Health care professionals frequently engage in emergency situations. CPR and other emergency training are required of respiratory therapists.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should be able to respond and demonstrate appropriate judgement in emergency situations.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program must be able to complete a course in American Heart Association BLS CPR and remain current with certification.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

VII. Professional Ethics:

Professional ethics is the rightness and wrongness in relation to performing duties and responsibilities of a profession. The Code of Ethics for Respiratory Therapy profession is a public statement of the values and principles used in promoting and maintaining high standards of behavior in Respiratory Therapy. The Code of Ethics is a set of principles that applies to Respiratory Therapy personnel at all levels.

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should be able to develop a sense of rightness and wrongness appropriate to employment in a health care setting, and adhere to the Code of Ethics at all times.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should have a set of ethical behaviors that will allow them to be receptive to professional ethics, teaching and enabling them to practice in a health care setting.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:

IX. Criminal Background Check:

Respiratory Therapy Program clinical sites require a criminal background check prior to accepting a student for rotations. The respiratory program contracts with an independent agency to perform criminal background checks and the cost of the service is included as a course fee in the first semester of the clinical phase of the program. The results of the criminal background check are reported to the Respiratory Therapy Program Director. If a student has any criminal history, he or she may not be able to complete clinical rotations. If two (2) clinical affiliates deny the student of clinical experience within their respective facility, the student will not be able to complete the program. In addition a criminal history may prevent the student from becoming certified and licensed to practice respiratory therapy. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the certification examination administered by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy (NBRC).

Expectations:

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should have a clean criminal record.

A candidate for the Respiratory Therapist Program should understand that during enrollment in the program, any official change, or the initiation of any governmental proceeding affecting the information revealed by the initial criminal background check must be reported immediately to the director of the program.

If unable to meet these expectations, please explain:
