Respiratory Care Program

General Information

What does a Respiratory Therapist do?
Respiratory therapists work closely with physicians and nurses in the treatment and diagnosis of various breathing disorders. Respiratory therapists, practicing under a physician's direction, assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care therapeutic treatments and diagnostic procedures, including the supervision of certified therapists. Respiratory therapists are also more likely to provide complex therapy requiring considerable independent judgment, such as caring for patients on life support in hospital intensive care units. Respiratory therapists are required to have an in-depth knowledge of heart-lung physiology, effective communication skills, problem solving skills, integrity, compassion, tolerance, ethics, and effective stress coping skills.

For more information on the profession, go to www.aarc.org
- Click Career
- What's and RT?
- Click Life and Breath Video
- GREAT Video: describes what therapists do inside and outside the hospital
- The website is The American Association for Respiratory Care it has all sorts of information pertaining to the profession.

Respiratory Care Program at FDTC

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Clinical Coordinator: Allan Dunphy
Faculty: Tracy Fields

Have you visited the FDTC.edu Website?

For more information:

FDTC.edu
Link: http://fdtc.edu/
Click Academics
Click Programs
Click Catalog
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How do I start the Respiratory Program?

**Step 1**
- **Apply to the College**
- Contact Admissions 843-661-8289 and complete necessary paperwork
- Complete admission placement testing for enrollment in the appropriate Math and English courses

**Step 2**

1. **Complete the following Prerequisite classes:**
   - **BIO 112** (or BIO 210 and BIO 211)
   - **PHS 101** (or Chemistry and Physics)
   - **MAT 110**

   Our program uses a weighted admissions process and we evaluate the GPA for the above classes *only if* the number of applicants applying is greater than 20 students.

   Prerequisite classes are classes that *MUST* be completed before you can start Respiratory classes with a “C” or higher letter grade.

2. **Attend a Career Talk** within one year of application date.
3. **Institutional GPA 2.0**

**Step 3**

- Completed the above classes OR enrolled in the above classes during spring semester
- Attended a career talk within one year of application date
- Have an intuitional GPA of 2.0

**If the above criteria is met you are eligible to complete and submit the Respiratory Application.**

Submit the Application

- We ONLY accept Applications from March 1 – March 31.
- Application link: [http://www.fdtc.edu/search?q=respiratory%20forms](http://www.fdtc.edu/search?q=respiratory%20forms)
- Applications will be reviewed at the end of the semester once all grades have been entered into our system.
- You will be notified by email by June 1st if you were selected or if you will need to reapply next year.
Selected students will need to complete the following FDTC forms:

Medical

Background Check (Hospital Requirement)

Drug Screen (Hospital Requirement)

*Forms and instructions will be emailed after accepted.*

If you were not selected we appreciate your interest in the program and you will need to REAPPLY next year.

Other general education classes required for graduation:

These classes do not have to be taken before you start the program they can be taken with Respiratory classes: but if taken with the Respiratory classes the classes will need to be taken in the designated semester. Take a look at the semester layout below:

Semester layout: refer to the advising worksheet located at the end of this document

ENG 101 English Composition 1
PSY 201 General Psychology
SPC 205 Public Speaking

Humanities/Fine Arts Elective: any 3 credit Humanities or Fine Arts

***you must achieve a “C” letter grade or higher in the above classes***

Take a look at all the Humanities and Fine arts classes offered:

FDTC.edu Website
Click Academics
Click Programs
Click Catalog
Select 2014-2015
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Examples: MUS 105, ART 101, HSS 205, PHI 101
Advisor information for the Respiratory Care Program

What is the first initial of your last name?

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H-P Tracy Fields  843-661-8298  tracy.fields@fdtc.edu
Q-Z John Evans  843-661-8148  john.evans@fdtc.edu

Respiratory Advising Work Sheet: Print a checklist!
A CHECKLIST is provided at the end of this document, this will allow you to keep up with the classes that you need and the classes that you have already taken.

All the classes needed for the program are listed on this checklist.
You must achieve a “C” or higher letter grade in ALL General Education classes and Respiratory classes.

Registering for Classes
Students are required to be able to self register through Web-Advisor. As a healthcare provider you will need adequate computer skills for your work enviroment. Self registration will help develop these skills. If unsuccessful, you can contact your advisor.
Link to FDTC website: http://fdtc.edu/

How to Register online? Instructions are attached at the end of this document!

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the program start?
We start with a new group of students every August
How many semesters are in the Program?
The program is 6 consecutive semesters, a total of 2 years

How many students are selected to start the program?
20 students are selected

Is there a waiting list for the program?
No

We are a weighted admissions program and you must apply to the program during a spring semester. You must have completed BIO 112, PHS 101 and MAT 110 by the end of the semester you apply. If we have more than 20 applicants, we evaluate GPA of the BIO 112, PHS 101 and MAT 110 and select the top 20 highest GPA’s. We will accept applications during the dates April 1 – April 30.

Application link:  http://www.fdtc.edu/search?q=respiratory%20forms

If an application is not submitted you will NOT be considered for the program. Note: If you are not selected to start the program you will need to resubmit an application the next year if you wish to be reconsidered.

When will I be notified if I am selected to start respiratory classes?  By June 1

When do I start clinical rotations?
You will not start clinical rotations in the hospital until the 2nd semester of the program

Can you help me with my financial aid?
We like for you to talk with the experts, so we direct financial aid questions to the financial aid office 843-661-8085

What do I need to do if I want to change my major?
You will need to complete a change of curriculum form. The change of curriculum form is obtained from an advisor and it MUST be signed by the student and then given to the NEW advisor for the program of interest…it does NOT have to be signed by the old advisor

What is a Dual Major Form?
Many students need to be full time for various reasons. If a student is receiving financial aid assistance, depending on the type of financial assistance, the student can only take classes that are needed for that program. By completing the Dual major form and selecting the Associate in Science degree, financial aid will pay for the classes with no question and the benefit is that you can remain as a full time student while you are taking classes that are transferable and can possibly be used towards a 4 year degree.

We look forward to assisting you in achieving your career as a Respiratory Therapist.
Follow EXACTLY as stated

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

- Log on to www.fdtc.edu
- In the top, right corner, click e-student (Webadvisor)
- Click the link that says Go to eStudent (WebAdvisor)
- In the top, right corner, click LOG-IN
- Key in your USER ID (the first 6 letters of your last name plus the last four digits of your social security number; if your last name is less than 6 characters then your user name is your last name plus the last four digits of your social security number) and PASSWORD (the last six digits of your social security number; you can reset the password when you log in). If you are unable to log in, send an email webadvisor@fdtc.edu.
- Once you’ve logged in, you’ll see a list of colored blocks on your right. Click the second box in that column, which is the blue box, that says “STUDENTS”
- On the right side of the screen, you’ll see a heading in a light blue box that says “REGISTRATION.”
- Click the second option under that section that says “REGISTER FOR SECTIONS.”
- READ the red headline before proceeding!
- When you are ready to continue, click the drop box beside the word TERM.
- Select which term in which you are trying to register (example: Fall 09-10 15-week, Summer 09-10 8-week, etc.)
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click SUBMIT.
- A listing of all the classes that are available during the term in which you selected should appear in alphabetical order.
- Find the class that you’re trying to take. If it says “CLOSED” to the left of the listing that means that the class is FULL. If it says “OPEN,” that means there are still seats available and you can register for that class.
- Once you find the class(es) you want to take, click the empty box to the left of the listing
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and click SUBMIT.
- YOU ARE NOT DONE YET!
- The top of the next screen should say “REGISTER AND DROP SECTIONS”
- There should be two sub-sections that say “Preferred Sections” (this means you are about to register for the listed classes under this heading) and “Current Registrations” (this means you are already registered for the listed classes under this heading)
- To complete your registration for a class listed in the “Preferred Sections” area, click on the drop box to the left of the class and choose “RG REGISTER”
- Scroll to the bottom of the screen and click SUBMIT. The classes that you selected should now appear in “Current Registrations” section. Then you may want to double check with your advisor or the Registrar’s office for additional confirmation.
- GOOD LUCK!
Florence-Darlington Technical College

Associate in Applied Science

with a major in Respiratory Care

Advising checklist

Student Name:  
Student ID:  
Advisor:  

Note: Students will be selected based on GPA for MAT 110, BIO 112 (BIO 210 & BIO 211 can be substituted for BIO 112) and PHS 101 (Chemistry and Physics can be substituted for PHS 101) if the total number of applicants is greater than 20 students.

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2. _______Attended a Career Talk Date attended: ____________________________ Within one of year of application date.

3. _______GPA Minimum of 2.0