

### **Additional Information**

#### **Accreditation and State Approval**

The Respiratory Therapy Program at Mountain Empire Community College is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Contact CoARC at [P. O. Box 54876, Hurst, TX 76054-4876](mailto:CoARC@coarc.com), [www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com), or call 817-283-2385 for questions about the accreditation of the Mountain Empire Community College Respiratory Therapy program.

#### **About Our Program**

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy is designed to prepare selected students as competent Registered Respiratory Therapists and to serve as members of the health care team.

As a graduate, you are eligible to take the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination and the Clinical Simulation examination to be credentialed as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

#### **Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening**

Background checks for criminal history and sex offender crimes against minors are required for entrance into clinical agencies. Students with convictions may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Clinical agencies may require drug testing prior to placement of students for clinical rotations. Students with positive drug test results may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Cost of criminal background checks and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student. Proper uniform must be worn when participating in clinical activities.

#### **Physical Demands**

Physical demands in this program include duties that frequently require walking, bending, reaching and lifting; pushing and pulling with assistance and occasional carrying. Duties also require constant use of acute sense of sight, hearing, touch, and speech.

#### **Financial Requirements**

In addition to the usual college tuitions and fees, the Respiratory Therapy program requires: uniforms, books, liability insurance, CPR certification, criminal background check, and miscellaneous equipment. Costs for drug screens, if required by clinical facility, are the responsibility of the student. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from the college and health agencies used for clinical experience.

#### **Opportunities for Advancement**

Opportunities for advancement are excellent for those willing to continue their education and training. Individuals who display leadership, team-building skills, self-confidence, motivation, and decisiveness become candidates for promotion.

#### **Program Progression**

Students are required to repeat a RTH or NAS course in which a grade lower than "C" is received before progressing to the next course or graduating from the program. All electives must have a grade of "C" or above.

#### **Special Consideration**

Students accepted into the program are required to submit a health certificate signed by a duly licensed physician, physician's assistant, or registered nurse practitioner and should include: documentation of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) exposure or inoculations; TB skin testing or chest x-ray for previously positive TB results; and overall general health of the applicant.