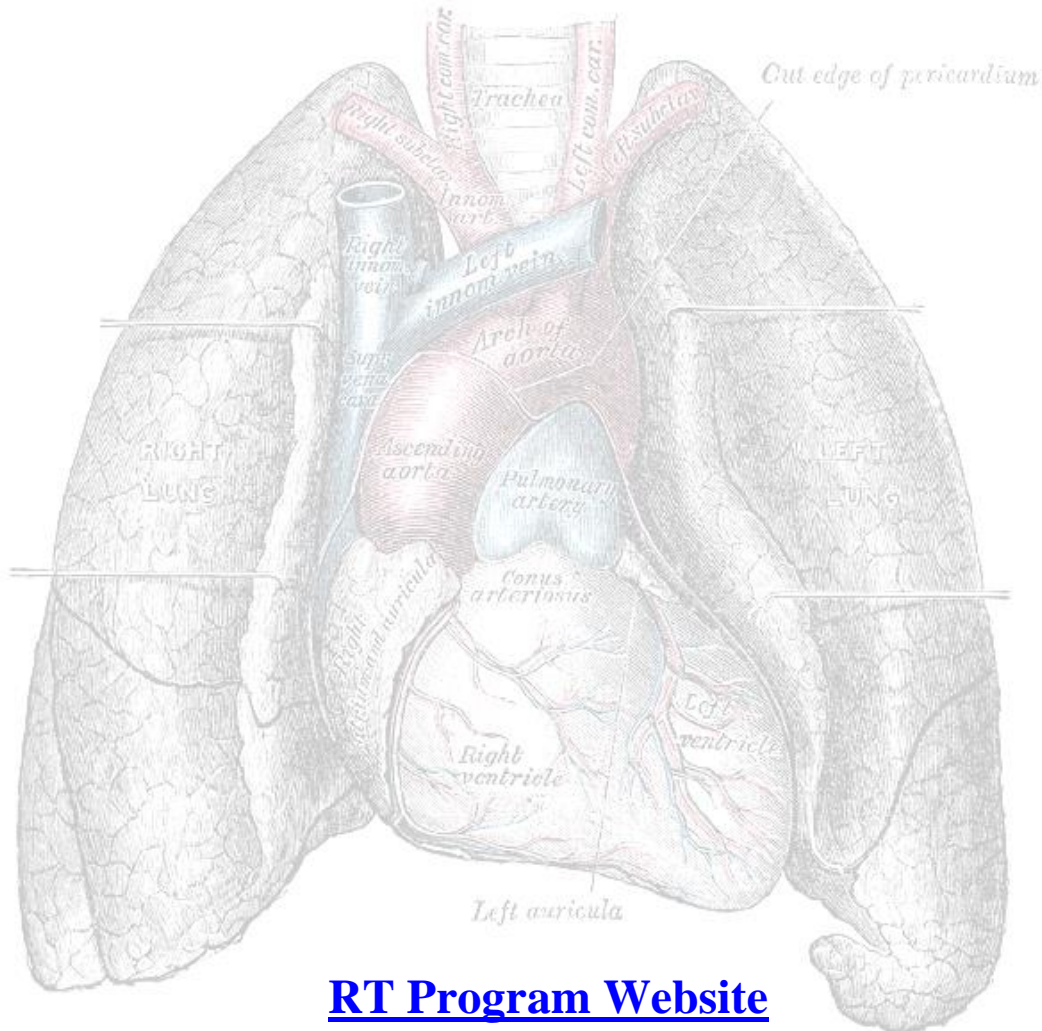


Respiratory Therapy Technology Program
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Information and Application Packet



[RT Program Website](#)

Applications for the RTT program are **due November 1.**

Applications will be accepted after the due date if
seats are available.

Program Directory

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Tutoring 440-964-4232

Library

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Dean's Office

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Financial Aid

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Bookstore

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THE SCOPE AND PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE

Respiratory therapists are members of a team of health care professionals working in a wide variety of clinical settings to evaluate, treat, and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders. As team members, respiratory therapists should exemplify the ethical and professional standards expected of all health care professionals.

Respiratory therapists provide a broad range of patient care which includes clinical decision- making and patient education. The respiratory care scope of practice includes, but is not limited to the following basic competencies:

- acquiring and evaluating clinical data;
- assessing the cardiopulmonary status of patients;
- performing and assisting in the performance of prescribed diagnostic studies such as: obtaining blood samples, blood gas analysis, pulmonary function testing, and polysomnography;
- evaluating data to assess the appropriateness of prescribed respiratory care;
- establishing therapeutic goals for patients with cardiopulmonary disease;
- participating in the development and modification of respiratory care plans;
- case management of patients with cardiopulmonary and related diseases;
- initiating prescribed respiratory care treatments, managing life support activities, evaluating and monitoring patient responses to such therapy and modifying the prescribed therapy to achieve the desired therapeutic objectives;
- initiating and conducting prescribed pulmonary rehabilitation;
- providing patient, family, and community education;
- promoting cardiopulmonary wellness, disease prevention, and disease management;
- promoting evidence-based practice by using established clinical practice guidelines and by evaluating published research for its relevance to patient care.

(Excerpt from: CoARC's "Accreditation Standards for the Profession of Respiratory Care" 2015)

Additional Information about Respiratory Therapy can be accessed at the American Association of Respiratory Care's (AARC) website: www.aarc.org.



Prospective Student,

The Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy gives you the skills to evaluate, treat and care for patients with breathing or other cardiopulmonary disorders. Practicing under the direction of a physician, respiratory therapists assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care therapeutic treatments and diagnostic procedures. Therapists also provide complex therapy requiring considerable independent judgment, such as caring for patients on life support in intensive-care units of hospitals. An associate's degree is earned with successful completion of 65 semester hours of coursework. Graduates are eligible to take the national credentialing examinations administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), which include the Certified and Registered Respiratory Therapist credentials (CRT, RRT), Certified and Registered Pulmonary Function Technologist (CPFT, RPFT) and Neonatal Pediatric Specialist (NPS).

Unlike many fields of study, the State of Ohio offer students the opportunity to obtain jobs as student respiratory therapists with a Limited Permit. Many area hospitals hire student therapists to do routine therapy because it is more cost effective, and it provides an opportunity to get to know the student before they graduate. Typically, these students obtain fulltime employment right after they graduate because their place of employment is already familiar with them. Students are eligible to apply for their limited permit during the second year of the program. (This job is optional and not part of the RT program; additionally, it cannot be used towards required clinical time.)

PROGRAM WEBSITE

<https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/rt>

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Graduate from an accredited high school or receive a passing score on the GED examination.
2. Complete and submit the KSU admission application with the \$45.00 application fee.
This can be completed online at <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/apply-now> or a paper application can be mailed.
3. Contact all high schools *and* colleges attended and request official transcripts be mailed to KSUA 3300 Lake West Rd, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 to be evaluated for transfer credit(s). Admissions will not accept transcripts that are hand delivered.
4. Attend the campus orientation for freshmen. (Transfer students with more than 30 credit hours will meet one-on-one with admissions.) Schedule this with the Office of Admissions (440-964-4217).

- Schedule and complete the computerized placement testing for reading, writing, and math skills at the KSUA academic services, 440-964-4304 (located in the campus library). (Transfer students may be exempt from placement testing and should check with admissions or Program Director.)
- Schedule an appointment with the Program Director at 440-964-4308. The director will answer questions about the requirements for admission into the RTT program.

PROGRAM PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of **Anatomy and Physiology I** (BSCI 11010 or 21010)
- Completion of **Chemistry** (10050 or 10055 or 10060 or 10061)
- Completion of **Algebra** (MATH 00022 or MATH 10775 or MATH 11009 or higher)
- A minimum “C” (2.0) grade in all required courses
- A cumulative **GPA** of ≥ 2.70
- Complete at least **4** hours of job shadowing with a respiratory therapist. (Please refer to the attached job shadowing form.)

PROGRAM APPLICATION

To apply to the program, go to: https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8eTzj50VaYx7KWp to apply online, or complete the paper application contained in this packet. Please be sure to respond to all of the questions on the application.

PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS

The RT Program admits a new class of 20 students each Spring Semester. Applications should be submitted online by November 1 (however, applications will be accepted after the November 1st deadline if there are open seats remaining). There is no application fee. **Students that will complete pre-admission requirements during the fall semester may also submit an application.** These students may receive provisional admission until all preadmission criteria are met at the end of fall semester.

STUDENT SELECTION

Student selection is made based on student performance (using a point system) in the following areas:

- Cumulative GPA in student’s most recent academic experience
 - *(If applicable, a student must obtain ≥ 6 semester hours to establish a new GPA from another accredited college or university.)*
- Number of required non-RTT courses completed
- Grades received in the non-RTT courses completed
- Submission of completed shadowing experience form

STUDENT SELECTION (continued)

Program applications are scored based on the aforementioned criteria then prioritized based on that score for admission. Applicants will be notified by mail if they are accepted or not within 3 weeks following the application deadline. Information regarding the selection results will not be given over the phone. There is no waiting list, but students who continue to take required courses will have a stronger, more competitive application the following year.

Pursuant to federal regulations and state law, Kent State University is committed to provide all persons equal access to its programs, facilities, employment, without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or identification as a disabled veteran, or veteran of the Vietnam era, recently separated veteran, or other protected veteran. Inquiries regarding federal regulations and state law may be directed to the Office of Affirmative Action, Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.

PROGRAM ADMISSION – ACCEPTANCE

Accepting a seat in the program is only for the upcoming spring semester. If a student waits, he or she must reapply the following year. Once accepted to the program, students must take each semester consecutively for 2 years due to RTT courses being offered once per year. If a student fails a class, at the discretion of the RT program director, they may be readmitted to the program the following year, one time only, to retake the failed semester and continue the program.

1. Accepted students must attend a program orientation meeting in early January. The orientation will be from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (approximate time) prior to the beginning of the first program semester. Additional details including date and location will be provided in acceptance letter.
2. All students accepted into the program are required to complete a state and federal background check. **Instructions will be provided in your acceptance letter.**

**Students should notify the RT program director of any convictions. A past conviction may disqualify him/her from completing clinical rotations, taking credentialing examinations, receiving a state license to practice (Section 4761.04 of the Ohio Revised Code), and/or obtaining employment after graduation.*

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Students will attend lectures and labs for RTT courses at the Ashtabula Campus on Wednesdays and/or Thursdays (Tuesday and Thursday the first semester). Clinical rotations start the first fall semester and will continue each semester until the program ends. The first clinical rotation is eight hours per week, and the last three semesters are 16 hours per week (day or evening shift). Usually, students are notified of their clinical site(s), date(s), and times no later than 1 month prior to the beginning of the rotation.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

The RT program requires a minimum of 65 semester/credit hours, which can be completed in two calendar years. Respiratory Therapy courses can only be taken following acceptance into the program, and must be taken in the semester offered and in the order shown on the program Roadmap. Some RTT courses include laboratory and clinical components. In these courses, students must demonstrate skill proficiencies in the lab and clinical settings. Students must achieve satisfactory skill competencies in the lab and at the clinical site in order to pass these courses.

It is recommended, that students complete as many of the non-RTT courses prior to entering the program (some courses must be completed prior to entering the program). The program cannot be completed in less than two years, but the workload during the program can be reduced by completing some courses prior to starting the program. Students using financial aid should plan semesters accordingly to fulfill credit hour requirements set by their financial aid plan.

More detailed information including the college [Roadmap](#) and course descriptions can be found in the Kent State University College Catalog at <http://catalog.kent.edu/colleges/re/respiratory-therapy-technology-aas/#roadmaptext>.

FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information can be found at:

<https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid>.

TUITION/FEES/OTHER PROGRAM RELATED COSTS

Tuition: Information about tuition can be found on the campus tuition webpage:

<https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/tuition-fees>

Fees: Students enrolled in the RTT Program are assessed a \$118 fee, each spring and fall semester.

Books: The costs of textbooks vary, but students can expect to pay approximately \$600 per year on textbooks.

Other costs:

- Students will need to purchase uniforms, shoes, and a stethoscope for clinicals (a wrist watch is also recommended). These items can be purchased for an estimated \$200.
- Ohio background check and fingerprinting is required for clinicals. The cost is \$78 (subject to change).
- Students will need to complete a physical exam and be current on specific immunizations. The cost for this will vary based on the students insurance and the healthcare provider chosen.
- Kent State University at Ashtabula allied health programs utilize a web-based vendor to manage background checks, physical exam and immunization documentation. Students will pay a one-time fee of \$36 (subject to change).

Questions about tuition, fees or other costs related to the program should be directed to the program director: Yvonne George, ygeorge@kent.edu, 440-964-4308.

COURSES FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Transfer courses: For a formal evaluation of your transcripts to determine how classes from another institution will transfer, you will need to apply to KSU and have your transcripts sent to KSUA. It will take at several weeks to complete this process. For an informal assessment of how courses will transfer, you may contact the RT Program Director to discuss probable scenarios. You may also visit the college's transfer page for information about transferring courses at: <https://www.kent.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer-and-transitioning-students>, or you can visit Transferology at: <https://www.transferology.com/> to determine probable transfer credits within Ohio. If you are transferring to KSU, you are not required to complete US 10097 First Year Experience course if you transfer 25 or more credit hours of classes, or are 25+ years old.

Transient classes: Students who wish to complete a course at another institution while enrolled at KSU must complete the necessary "transient student" paperwork (available in Student Services) prior to starting the course. The student taking transient coursework is responsible to make sure that his or her coursework taken at another university is acceptable for transfer and meets the graduation requirements of the RT Program. Students in the program are strongly discouraged from taking transient classes their final semester because of the difficulty in obtaining transcripts from other institutions of higher education in time for graduation.

HOUSING

There is no on-campus housing available on the KSUA campus at this time. However, there are students that move to the campus area to complete their education. There are apartments, rental houses, and rental lakeside cabins available. Please contact the Ashtabula Area Chamber of Commerce (www.ashtabulachamber.net) at 440-998-6998 for more information on housing in the area. The local newspaper classified section, [Starbeacon](#), may also have some good alternatives. Some local hotels give our students discounts on daily rates.



Application for the Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy Technology Program

Complete online Application at: www.ashtabula.kent.edu/rt

Banner ID # Submission Date:

Name: (Last and Maiden) (First) (Middle initial)

Address: (Street: number and name) (City, state, and zip code)

County: Email:

Phone Primary:

Year graduated from High School or obtained GED

What is your current or most recent cumulative grade point average?

Please circle Yes (Y) or No (N) for the following questions:

Have all transcripts been submitted to KSU? Y or N

Are you a transfer student? Y or N

Have you taken the ACT, COMPASS or Alek's test? Y or N

Did you complete the required biology, algebra, & chemistry courses earning "C" (2.0) or greater? Y or N or in progress

Did you completed at least four (4) hours of job shadowing with a respiratory therapist? Y or N or in progress

Why did you choose Respiratory Therapy as a profession?

How did you hear about the program?

Fill in the following information for completed and in progress courses required for admission.

BSCI 11010 or 21010 Anatomy & Physiology 1 Institution Grade

CHEM 10050 or 10055 or 10060 or 10061: Institution Grade

MATH 00022 or MATH 10775 or MATH 11009 or higher: Institution Grade

To verify awareness of additional program requirements, please initial after each statement.

_____ I am aware that I am required to complete a state and federal criminal background check with fingerprinting. (A past conviction may disqualify you from completing clinical rotations, taking credentialing examinations, receiving a state license to practice [Section 4761.04 of the Ohio Revised Code], and/or employment after graduation.)

_____ I am aware that passing a drug screen is required in order to participate in clinical rotations.

_____ I am aware that a physical examination is required to verify my ability to perform the physical and emotional job requirements of a Respiratory Therapist. Additionally, evidence of specific current immunizations and boosters are required, supported by titers if necessary.

_____ I am aware that a current American Heart Association CPR card for Health Care Providers is required.

I attest to the best of my knowledge all the information submitted in this application form and required supplementary documentation is the truth.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date Submitted: _____

This application and all required materials must be submitted to the RT Program Secretary by **November 1**. Students will be notified in writing within 3 weeks of the application deadline if they were accepted to the program.

Please return to: Kent State University at Ashtabula
 Respiratory Therapy Program
 Attention: Program Director HSB 127B
 3300 Lake Road West
 Ashtabula, OH 44004

Equal Opportunity

Pursuant to federal regulations and state law, Kent State University is committed to provide all persons equal access to its programs, facilities, employment, without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or identification as a disabled veteran, or veteran of the Vietnam era, recently separated veteran, or other protected veteran. Inquiries regarding federal regulations and state law may be directed to the Office of Affirmative Action, Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.



Respiratory Therapy Shadowing Form

To be completed by Student

Job shadowing introduces potential respiratory therapy students to the roles and responsibilities of today's respiratory therapists. A minimum of four (4) hours must be completed prior to admission in the Respiratory Therapy Program at KSU. If needed, the program director or clinical coordinator will assist students in determining which hospitals are appropriate for shadowing. (Dress in appropriate attire: dress shirt with khaki or black casual pants; no jeans, shorts, or sandals.)

Please request to shadow a registered respiratory therapist (RRT) for your shadowing field experience. Some hospitals may require an orientation and/or paperwork prior to any shadowing. Please plan accordingly. The form below must be completed and submitted to the Program Director when the student applies to the program by November 1.

Prospective Student's Name: _____

Shadowing Experience:

Hospital Name _____

What did you observe?

What did you like most about this experience?

What did you like least about this experience?

Contact Hours completed? _____ Date _____

Kent State University at Ashtabula
Attention: Respiratory Therapy Program Director
3300 Lake Road West Room 127B • Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
Phone: 440-964-4308 • Fax: 440-964-4355 •

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Respiratory Therapy Job Shadowing Form

To be completed by Respiratory Therapist

Prospective student: Please give this form to the Respiratory Therapist you are shadowing. This form **must be faxed directly to Kent State University at Ashtabula by the Respiratory Therapist.** We cannot accept forms hand delivered by the student.

Prospective Student Name _____ Date _____

Hospital Name _____ Hours completed (4 minimum) _____

Comments _____

RT Name (print) _____

RT Signature _____ Contact number: _____

Please **FAX: 440-964-4355** or mail to Kent State University at Ashtabula, Attn: RTT Program Director, 3300 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

*Forms must be received by **the application deadline of November 1st.***