

WHY RESPIRATORY CARE?

Job opportunities are expected to be excellent, especially for respiratory therapists with cardiopulmonary care skills or experience working with infants.

Employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014, due to the substantial growth in the numbers of the middle-aged and elderly population.

The Respiratory Care profession has a great deal of job security and opportunity for advancement.

After entering the profession, there are opportunities for specializations in areas such as neonatal care, helicopter transport, rehabilitation, education, cardiopulmonary diagnostics, and management.

Respiratory Therapists can expect to earn a median base salary of \$40,000 per year.

YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT FOOD FOR A FEW WEEKS. YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT WATER FOR A FEW DAYS. BUT IF YOU ARE DEPRIVED OF AIR, YOU WILL DIE WITHIN MINUTES. IN TERMS OF SURVIVAL, BREATHING IS YOUR MOST IMMEDIATE NEED.



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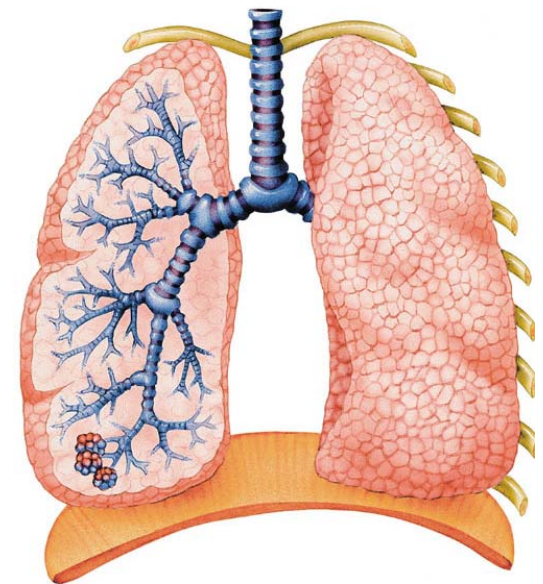
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WHO ARE RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS?


 Respiratory therapists are specialists that treat, evaluate, and administer care for patients with heart deficiencies and breathing disorders.


 Respiratory therapists work under the direction of a physician and assist in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with pulmonary disorders.

 Respiratory therapists help a wide variety of patients, from premature infants to elderly people with diseased lungs.

 Respiratory therapists also provide relief to patients with chronic asthma or emphysema and emergency care to patients who have suffered heart failure, stroke, or shock.

 Respiratory therapists have excellent communication skills and work well as a member of a team.

 Respiratory therapists generally work between 35 and 40 hours a week. Because hospitals operate around the clock, therapists may work evenings, nights, or weekends.

 Respiratory therapists are employed at hospitals, nursing homes, private homes, home health agencies, and physicians' offices.

WHY GANNON UNIVERSITY?



Gannon's Respiratory Care graduates enjoy 100% job placement.



Gannon's Respiratory Care Program is accredited by the Committee on Respiratory Care Accreditation.



Upon graduation, Respiratory Care students are eligible to sit for the national board exams given by the NBRC.



On the national board exams, Gannon's Respiratory Care students boast pass rates above the national average.



Gannon Respiratory Care students have the option of pursuing either a two-year associate's or a four-year bachelor's degree.



Students in the bachelor's degree program may obtain jobs as Respiratory Aides after completion of their third clinical practicum.



Clinical rotations give students direct, supervised practice with a 5:1 student-to-faculty ratio.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



Completion of high school level courses (with a grade of "C" or better) in biology with lab, chemistry with lab, algebra, and a second academic math.



Scholastic Aptitude Test scores of 950 (out of 1600 Math and Critical Reading) or higher.



An overall grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.00 grading scale) in the sciences.



Students wishing to pursue an education in Respiratory Care should either contact the Respiratory Care Program Director, or Gannon University's Admissions Office.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY: A CAREER THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.