

Pre-Health Professions: Respiratory Care A.A.S.

Fall Start: Best Consideration deadline is June 1st

1. **Apply to the College:** Apply to FCC and declare Pre-Health Professions Respiratory Care AAS as your major.
2. **Submit Official Transcripts:** Send official college/university and high school transcripts, SAT & ACT scores as well as any CLEP, IB or AP scores to the Records and Registration Office.
Note that official college/university transcripts should be sent upon application to FCC, and must be received by application due date for Respiratory Care clinical program
3. **Apply for Financial Aid:** Apply for Financial Assistance – Submit the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.
4. **Complete Placement Tests:** Complete FCC placement tests as needed – Consult with Admissions or Advising.
5. **Complete Pre-Admission Courses:** Complete the following minimum requirement with a grade of C or higher*

Science Prerequisite BSCI155, BSCI150, or CHEM101 (recommended)
Anatomy & Physiology I BSCI201 or BI103

Completion of additional program requirements (see below) by the June 1st application deadline is highly recommended as this adds points to a student's application and makes the student more competitive for admission. All additional requirements listed below must be completed to earn Respiratory Care AAS degree. Additional requirements include*:

ENGL101 (EN101)
PSYC101 (PS101)
Anatomy & Physiology II (BSCI202 / BI104)
Microbiology (BSCI223 / BI120 or BSCI263 / BI203)
MATH - MATH120 Statistics or higher (MATH 145 recommended)
COMM102 or COMM105
MEDA108 or MEDA109

As of January 1, 2025, Straighterline courses will no longer be accepted to satisfy pre-admission requirements.

6. **Complete Job Shadowing:** Complete job shadowing and have shadowing supervisor submit verification email to HealthSciencesAdmissions@frederick.edu by June 1st application deadline. The verification email should only be sent to the previous email address. Using any additional email will not be accepted as proof of job shadowing. Proof of job shadowing from the shadowing supervisor is the only form of approved job shadowing time. You can apply to any hospital Respiratory Department to receive this credit. Please contact their education department to inquire about job shadowing requirements and admission process. To apply to job shadow through Frederick Memorial Hospital, use the following link: <https://www.fmh.org/About/Careers/Job-Shadowing.aspx>.
7. **Submit Application to Respiratory Care Program:** Submit an online application to Respiratory Care Program once you have finished or are in progress with your final prerequisite requirements. *
Respiratory Care application can be found at Frederick.edu > Programs > Healthcare > Respiratory Care use the blue Application button.

* Points on application will be awarded only for pre-admission courses completed with a grade of C or higher prior to June 1st deadline.

Criteria for Admission to the Respiratory Care Program

COURSES	Points Possible	Points Earned
ENGL101 (EN101)	1	
PSYC101 (PS101)	1	
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY I (BSCI201 / BI103) 3 points if completed with a grade of "A" 2 points if completed with a grade of "B" 1 point if completed with a grade of "C"	3	
ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY II (BSCI202 / BI104) 3 points if completed with a grade of "A" 2 points if completed with a grade of "B" 1 point if completed with a grade of "C"	3	
MICROBIOLOGY (BSCI223 / BI120 or BSCI263 / BI203) 3 points if completed with a grade of "A" 2 points if completed with a grade of "B" 1 point if completed with a grade of "C"	3	
General Math (MATH120 or MATH145)	1	
General Education Communications** (COMM102 or COMM105)	1	
Medical Terminology (MEDA108 or MEDA109)	1	
GPA: Respiratory Care Pre-Admission Courses 2 points for 3.5 - 4.0 1 point for 3.0 - 3.49	2	
Job Shadow (observe a respiratory therapist)	2	
*Residency – Frederick County, Carroll County, or Howard County resident, active-duty military, or military veteran	1	
TOTAL	19	

** Residents of Carroll and Howard Counties are awarded the same point for residency as Frederick County residents as part of the Mid-Maryland Allied Healthcare Consortium Agreement.*

***COMM105 or COMM102 – fulfills both the COMM elective and cultural competence requirement to earn Respiratory Care AAS. If a COMM elective other than these are completed, student must also complete a cultural competence course to earn Respiratory Care AAS.*