

Advising Guide
Respiratory Care (B.S.)
Track B Degree Completion

2026/2027
Application Year

Track B Program...is for students who are already graduates from a CoARC-accredited associate degree program. Students can transfer up to 80 credits from the respiratory care associate degree program. The completion of the CRT credential will be required for entry into the final 45 credits of BSRC classes. See reverse side for more details.

University/General Education Requirement...In addition to the Respiratory Care major courses, students must complete all university requirements and general education coursework. Many of these requirements/courses may have been fulfilled through the associate degree and/or with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a College of Health Professions Student Services academic advisor to assist in working out a specialized academic plan.

Full Time Course Sequence		
CRT required to start RSC courses & *RRT required to take RSC 495		
✓ Winter Semester		Cr.
RSC 364 Qual. Assess. And Health Outcomes		3
RSC 366 Diverse Populations in Respiratory Care		3
RSC 442 Patient Assessment & Care Plans I		3
AHS 340: Health Care Management ^{Issues}		3
STA 215: Intro. Applied Statistics ^{Math} (MTH 110 Prerequisite)		3
	Semester Credits	15
✓ Summer Semester		Cr.
RSC 464 Health Care Informatics for RSC		3
RSC 466 Patient Assessment & Care Plans II		3
RSC 438: Respiratory Disease Management		3
AHS 301: Intro. to Health Care Research		3
Gen. Ed. Issues Course		3
	Semester Credits	15
✓ Fall Semester (RRT credential required before RSC 495)		Cr.
RSC 362 Evid. Based Practice in Respiratory Care		3
RSC 444 Cardiopulmonary Diag./Monitoring		3
RSC 462 Professionalism in Respiratory Care		3
*RSC 495: Respiratory Care Capstone ^{SWS} (RRT required)		3
AHS 321: Ethical & Legal Resp. in Health Care ^{SWS}		3
	Semester Credits	15

General Education Requirements	Notes
___ Foundation Writing (C or better)	___
___ Physical Sciences	___
___ Life Sciences	___
___ Art	___
___ Philosophy and Literature	___
___ Mathematical Sciences (STA 215)	___
___ MTH 108 & 109 or 110 or placement test	___
___ Historical Analysis	___
___ Social & Behavioral Sciences	___
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___ US Diversity	___
___ Global Perspectives	___
___ Issues	___
✓ Issues (AHS 340) (2 nd Issue in RS major)	

University Requirements
 ✓ Supplemental Writing Skills (AHS 321)
 ✓ Supplemental Writing Skills (RSC 495)

___ 120 Minimum Credits
 ___ 40 Credits from GVSU

Course Prerequisite Sequences
 AHS 301 before RSC 401
 RSC 328 before RSC 428
 RRT Credential before RSC 495

Part-Time Option: Course Sequence Example					
CRT required to start RSC courses & *RRT credential required before taking RSC 495 in final semester					
Winter Semester	Cr.	Summer Semester	Cr.	Fall Semester	Cr.
RSC Classes	6	RSC Classes	3	RSC Classes	6
STA 215: Intro. Applied Statistics ^{Math}	3	AHS 301: Intro. to Hlth Care Rsrch.	3	AHS 321: Eth. & Legal Resp. in HC	3
	Semester Credits		Semester Credits		Semester Credits
	9		6		9
Winter Semester	Cr.	Summer Semester	Cr.	Fall Semester (RRT Credential Required)	Cr.
RSC Class	3	RSC Classes	3	RSC Class	3
AHS 340: Health Care Mgmt. ^{Issues}	3	Gen. Ed. Issues Course	3	*RSC 495: Resp. Care Capstone ^{SWS}	3
	Semester Credits		Semester Credits		Semester Credits
	6		6		6

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Admission/Application Information
Respiratory Care (B.S.)
Track B – Degree Completion

Respiratory Care Track B... is for students who have **graduated** from a Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care **CoARC-accredited** associate degree program and have their Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential.

- These students will complete Respiratory Care (RSC), Allied Health Sciences (AHS) and General Education designated courses. The number of outstanding general education course requirements will depend upon previous coursework. Student transcript(s) will be evaluated to determine which general education courses are done and which courses need to be done as part of the bachelor degree requirements.
- Students who have completed the MACRAO or MTA criteria through a Michigan Community College will have fulfilled many of the General Education courses.
- Per CoARC, students entering the program without the advanced Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential must achieve the credential prior to taking the final semester RSC 495 capstone course.
- Students can transfer up to 80 credits from a Respiratory Care Associate degree to apply toward GVSU's Respiratory Care B.S. degree. Additionally, a minimum of 40 credits (of the required 120 graduation credits) must be from a senior-level institution/university.

Admission to Respiratory Care (B.S.) Track B:

Applicants are reviewed for admission based on their cumulative GPA, all college transferable coursework, and their personal statement. Satisfactorily completing the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program as seats are limited. *NOTE: Students may reapply the following year(s) if not admitted.*

1. University Admission Requirements

- GVSU Undergraduate Application...visit www.gvsu.edu/admissions
- Submission of official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended

2. Respiratory Care Program Admission/Application Requirements

- Completed Respiratory Care program application...
 - Go to: <https://www.gvsu.edu/chpss/resp-care-track-b-209.htm>
- Associate degree in respiratory care from a CoARC accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) or Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) who is RRT eligible.
- Personal statement of career goals and how this program will help achieve educational and professional objectives

The completion of the CRT credential will be required for entry into the final 45 credits of BSRC classes. Per CoARC, students entering the program (last 45 credits) without the advanced Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential must achieve this credential as a GVSU BSRC graduation requirement. Specifically, prior to taking the BSRC capstone course (RSC 495), students must obtain the RRT credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Students can choose to complete the final 45 required online credits within one full year (3 semesters) or choose to complete the program on a part-time basis. A minimum of 120 credits are required for the bachelor's degree.

Questions?

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