Respiratory Care



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science (BS)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year							
Fall Courses (any campus B, LH or M)	Credits	Spring Courses (any campus B, LH or M)					
HLSC115/BIOL180 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1	4	HLSC115/BIOL181 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2					
MATH118 College Algebra	3	General Education	9				
WRIT103 Foundations of Composition	3	Elective	3				
FYS100 First Year Seminar	3						
General Education	3						
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	16				

Second Year							
Fall Courses (any campus (B, LH, M)	Credits	Spring Courses (B, LH, M)	Credits				
CHEM118 Introduction to Chemistry	4	BIOL235 Allied Health Microbiology	4				
General Education	9	PHIL205 Medical Ethics	3				
Elective	3	General Education	6				
Semester Total	16	Semester Total	13				

Third Year					
Fall Courses (Guthrie Campus)	Credits	Spring Courses (Guthrie Campus)	Credits	Summer Courses (Guthrie Campus)	Credits
REST301 Principles in Resp Care	3	REST321 Mechanical Vent	4	REST333 Clinical Practicum 3	5
REST302 Resp Care Modalities & Equip	4	REST322 Clinical Practicum 2	3	REST336 Resp Diseases 2	2
REST310 Pulm Function Testing	2	REST324 Resp Care Pharmacology	2		
REST311 Clinical Practicum 1	1	REST325 Resp Diseases 1	3		
REST312 Arterial Blood Gases	2	REST328 Resp Care Alt Sites	1		
Semester Total	12	Semester Total	13	Semester Total	7

Fourth Year						
Fall Courses (Guthrie Campus)	Credits	Spring Courses (Guthrie Campus)	Credits			
REST412 Advanced Cardiopulmonary	3	3 REST424 Research Methods & Evidence Based Practice				
REST414 Clinical Practicum IV	5 REST425 Clinical Practicum V		5			
REST415 Advanced Mechanical Ventilation	3 REST426 Resp Care Leadership & Management		3			
REST418 Perinatal/Pediatric Resp Care	3	Free Elective	3			
Semester Total	14	Semester Total	13			

Winter College - Optional

While not required, Winter sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College.

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Curriculum Checklist

Required Courses (60 credits)

- ____ BIOL181 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4)
- ____ REST301 Principles in Resp Care (3)*
- ____ REST302 Resp Care Modalities & Equip (4)*
- ____ REST310 Pulmonary Function Testing (2)* REST311 Clinical Practicum I (1)*
- ____ REST312 Arterial Blood Gas (2)*
- ____ REST321 Mechanical Ventilation (4)*
- ____ REST322 Clinical Practicum II (3)*
- REST324 Resp Care Pharmacology (2)*
- REST325 Resp Care Disease I (3)*
- ____ REST328 Resp Care in Alternative Sites (1)*
- ____ REST333 Clinical Practicum III (5)*
- ____ REST336 Resp Diseases II (2)*
- ____ REST412 Advanced Cardiopulmonary (3)*
- ____ REST414 Clinical Practicum IV (5)*
- REST415 Advanced Mechanical Ventilation (3)*
- REST418 Perinatal/Pediatric Resp Care (3)*
- ____ REST424 Research Methods & Evidence Based Practice (2)*
- ____ REST425 Clinical Practicum V (5)*
- ____ REST426 Resp Care Leadership & Management (3) *



General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - Quantitative: MATH118 College Algebra
 Writing: WRIT103 Foundations in
 - Composition
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility
 - (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - PHIL205 Medical Ethics
 - Critical Reasoning, R or Citizenship, S
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
 - HLSC115/BIOL180 Anatomy & Physiology 1 (4)
 - o BIOL235 Allied Health Microbiology (4)
 - o CHEM118 Introduction to Chemistry (4)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits (A minimum of 42 credits must be advanced course work), complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.7 in the major and overall are required. A grade of C or higher is required in all math and science courses.

*Denotes advanced coursework

Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.