

**Respiratory Care**

- CRT Credential
- RRT Credential
- Minimum 15 Credit Hours of General Education



**A.A.S.**

**Maximum of 71 Credit Hours  
for State Funding**

***Required Courses within Program***

<b><i>Support Courses*</i></b>	<b><i>min 15 credits:</i></b>
<b><i>English Composition</i></b>	<b><i>3 credit hours</i></b>
<b><i>Math</i></b>	<b><i>3 credit hours</i></b>
<b><i>Social Science and Behavioral Science</i></b>	<b><i>3 credit hours</i></b>
<b><i>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology</i></b>	<b><i>min 5 credit hours</i></b>
<b><i>Additional General Education Course</i></b>	<b><i>min 1 credit hour</i></b>

\* Institutions may utilize existing course titles listed that adhere to the agreed upon course length, range, and competencies for the agreed upon Respiratory Care support courses.

Institutions will add additional general education courses as needed to comply with the 15-credit hour minimum for AAS degrees.

*Course list sequence has no implication on course scheduling by colleges. Institutions may add additional competencies based on local demand or institutional requirements.*

**Notes**

Specifics pertaining to the Respiratory Care program

1. Program standards established by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). CoARC programmatic accreditation is mandatory.
2. Course competencies and standards align with the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) content matrix requirements, to which all programs must adhere.
3. To be eligible to sit for the TMC exam, the student must be 18 years of age.
4. Program completers are eligible to sit for the TMC exam which grants industry credentials (minimum of CRT) required to practice in Kansas.
5. Completers of the TMC who qualify are eligible to sit for the CSE exam. The RRT credential will be granted upon successful completion of the exam.
6. The practice of Respiratory Care is regulated by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts.
7. Therapist Multiple Choice exam (TMC), Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT), Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE), Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).