COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

Respiratory Care Program

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Fall 2027

One application cycle per year
Program starts only in the Fall semester
Program is in-person only and admits approximately 36 students per cycle

Application Deadline:
June 15, 2027 at 5 p.m.

Program Chair:
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Health Science Division Refund Policy
Health Science students acknowledge that program-related expenses are non-refundable if they voluntarily withdraw or are dismissed from the program for any reason. Non-refundable expenses include, but are not limited to, program application costs, tuition, laboratory fees, malpractice insurance, clinical site software account fees, health and clinical compliance requirements, Medical Document tracking software account fees, uniforms/scrubs, textbooks, supplies, and other expenses associated with enrollment or participation in the Health Science Program.

By accepting admission or registering for the program, students acknowledge their financial responsibility for these expenses and understand that withdrawal or dismissal from the program does not constitute grounds for refund of reimbursement.

Respiratory Care Program Map

Fall 2026			**Credit Hours**
Respiratory Care	1101	Basic Respiratory Care	3
Respiratory Care	1105	Respiratory Assessment and Procedures	4
Respiratory Care	1120	Cardiopulmonary Anatomy & Physiology	4
Respiratory Care	1121	Science for Respiratory Care	5
Spring 2027			
Respiratory Care	1111	Clinical Practice I	2
Respiratory Care	1102	Intermediate Respiratory Care	3
Summer 2027			
Respiratory Care	1103	Advanced Respiratory Care	3
Respiratory Care	1113	Intensive Respiratory Care Clinical Practice	1
Fall 2027			
Respiratory Care	2205	Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Respiratory Care	3
Respiratory Care	2206	Advanced Intensive Respiratory Care-Adult	2
Respiratory Care	2280	Advanced Clinical Assessment & Protocol	4
Spring 2028			
Respiratory Care	2201	Advanced Life Support and Monitoring	4
Respiratory Care	2202	Pulmonary Function Testing	3
Respiratory Care	2207	Advanced Intensive Respiratory Care Neonatal Pediatric	1
Respiratory Care	2250	Respiratory Care Board Review	4
Total hours			**46 credit**

Important Phone Numbers

Financial Aid - financialaid@cod.edu
Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2220; (630) 942-2251
https://www.cod.edu/costs/financial-aid/index.aspx

Health Career Program Advisors: - healthcareadvising@cod.edu
Counseling & Advising; (630) 942-2259
https://cod.edu/student-life/resources/counseling/

Nursing & Health Science Division - hsadmissions@cod.edu
Health & Science Center (HSC), Room 1220; (630) 942-8331

Office of Admissions & Outreach (For non-COD students) – admissions@cod.edu
Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2207; (630) 942-2380
https://www.cod.edu/admission/admissions-contact/index.aspx

Records
Student Resource Center (SRC), Room 2150; (630) 942-3838
https://cod.edu/records/index.aspx

Registration
Student Services Center (SSC), Room 2221; (630) 942-2377
www.cod.edu/registration

Application Checklist

NOTE: Admission Committees for Health Science programs have the right to deny admission to any applicant that they feel is unable to fulfill or abide by the policies and procedures as described on the Respiratory Care website and in this packet.

Decision letters are sent via e-mail approximately 4-6 weeks from the deadline date

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials listed below have been completed and received by the designated office, by the application deadline.

_____ 1. Attend a **mandatory Respiratory Care** Information Session. It is required that an applicant attend an information session within a 12-month period prior to the application deadline.

_____ 2. Health Insurance proof **– Does not need to be submitted**
Students are expected to provide proof of a **Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan** prior to the start of clinicals. The comprehensive health insurance plan must cover you **throughout the length of your clinical experience**, which in most cases, consists of the entire length of the program. If you are in need of health insurance, please see important dates below and visit https://cod.studentbenefitplans.com/bpg-insurance-individual/.

IMPORTANT DATES:
November 1st through **mid-January - Open Enrollment** (only option to apply)

If you miss open enrollment but have a qualifying life event, you can apply during a Special Enrollment Period.

*While we **cannot** guarantee your official acceptance into the program, you need to be aware that there is short timeframe of when you can purchase a health insurance plan. The purpose of this step is to make you aware that the time to research is **NOW**. Purchasing health insurance outside of this timeframe may take months and prohibit your admittance into the program.*

NOTE: Obtaining health insurance is NOT an application requirement so nothing needs to be submitted, but it is a requirement to be in the program.

_____ 3. If you are not a College of DuPage student, complete the **non-refundable** $20 College of DuPage General Admissions Application online. **This application is for general admission to College of DuPage only; it is not an application to the Health Career Selective Enrollment Respiratory Care program.**

_____ 4. To ensure that all of your eligible credits are evaluated towards the admission requirements, turn in **ALL** official transcripts from institutions that you have attended.

a. Submit your official transcript(s) to **College of DuPage, Office of Student Records**. ***If College of DuPage is the only institution you have attended, you do not need to request official transcripts.***

b. Verify receipt of your transcript(s). Log into myACCESS account, click on 'myACCESS for Students', select '**My Profile**'. The receipt status of your transcript will be listed under '**Transcript Institutions**'.

NOTE: If you have an international transcript from high school or college, it must first be evaluated. Please visit the following website https://cod.edu/records/international-transcript-evaluation.aspx for details.

_____ 5. Complete the **non-refundable** $50 Health Career Selective Enrollment Program Application online by logging into the student portal at https://inside.cod.edu

- Click on myACCESS for Students
- Click on the Health Careers Applications link
- Select Health Careers Application
- Select **Respiratory Care Degree** when asked "What selective enrollment program are you applying to?"

Once the application is submitted, you may not change the term or program. If you do not have a credit card, you can purchase a prepaid credit card from your local retailer

_____ 6. Complete the College of DuPage Residency Verification form and provide proof of residency to the **Office of Student Registration Services** by e-mailing to registration@cod.edu by the program application deadline date. You **MUST** send from your **@dupage.edu** e-mail address.

Note:

- **If this residency requirement has not been submitted to Registration by the program application deadline date, you will not be considered for admission.**
- **Separate Residency Verification Forms must be submitted for each program application.**

_____ 7. Completion of a 3-credit hour college level Math course (must be MATH 1102 or higher, but the following courses may **NOT** be used: 1104.) **with a minimum grade of "B" by the end of Summer 2027.** MATH 1120 will be accepted with a waiver. **Math course MUST have been taken within the last 5 years (Summer 2022 - Summer 2027).** Please reach out to program chair for waiver. Those that complete Math 1102 or higher by the application deadline date will be given priority and ranked based on merit evaluation. Applicants enrolled in Math course during Summer 2027, will be considered for admission only if seats remain. Courses with a P (Pass) or S (Satisfaction) will not be accepted.

_____ 8. Completion of a college level course in Science with a lab component: Biology (excluding BIO 1110) Chemistry, or Anatomy and Physiology. **You must have you earned at least 3 semester credit hours with a minimum grade of "B" by the end of Summer 2027. Science course MUST have been taken within the last 5 years (Summer 2022 - Summer 2027).** Those that complete a Science course by the application deadline date will be given priority and ranked based on merit evaluation. Applicants enrolled in a Science course during Summer 2027, will be considered for admission only if seats remain. Courses with a P (Pass) or S (Satisfaction) will not be accepted. You will receive 1 additional point if ANAT 1 or 2 or CHEMI course completed with an A for Science Requirement. Excludes all BIO and Survey of A&P.

_____ 9. Complete the Reading & Writing requirement by one of the below options:

ENGLI 1101 or higher **AND** SPEECH 1100 or higher requirements both with grade of "B" or higher or AP credit by the end of Summer 2027. Those that complete English 1101 or higher AND Speech 1100 or higher (with a 'B" or higher) by the application deadline date will be given priority and ranked based on merit evaluation. Applicants enrolled in a English 1101 or higher AND Speech 1100 or higher during Summer 2027, will be considered for admission only if seats remain. Courses with a P (Pass) or S (Satisfaction) will not be accepted.

OR

Bachelors degree will satisfy this requirement if courses are evaluated as satisfied on official transcript.

OR

ACT composite score of 23 or higher

OR

SAT EB Reading/Writing score of 550 or higher

_____ 10. Completion of general education courses in these 5 categories (English, Speech, Humanities and Fine Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills) are highly recommended. If accepted into the program, **these 5 categories must be completed prior to the 4th semester of the program**.

_____ 11. Take the HESI-A2 Admission Assessment exam at the College of DuPage Testing Center (BIC 2A06) by the application deadline. Visit the Testing Center webpage to register for upcoming test dates. The test will take approximately 4 hours to complete. Please plan accordingly. Exams can only be taken at COD's Glen Ellyn Testing Center, scores outside of COD will not be accepted. Your first step towards taking the HESI-A2 exam is to email the Testing Center at academictesting@cod.edu for payment information. You will pay for the 'HP Evolve' test. Within 2 business days, you will receive an email from the Testing Center on how to register for the test.

For more information about the exam and how to prepare visit Admission Assessment Exam Review book.

You will be tested in the following areas: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary & General Knowledge, Math, and Anatomy & Physiology. You will also complete the Learning Style and Personality Profile sections, but these sections will not be awarded merit points.

Please allow 3-5 business days for results to be posted to your student record from the date of the exam. If your results are not showing in your student record, please contact the Testing Center at academictesting@cod.edu.

A score of 70% or higher must be obtained on Vocabulary & General Knowledge, and Reading Comprehension portions of the exam to be considered eligible for admission. For more information about how merit points are awarded, please refer to the merit score evaluation sheet on page 6.

The HESI-A2 exam can be taken for a total of 2 attempts in the application cycle. Your highest overall score from a single exam will be used for merit evaluation. HESI-A2 testing must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline in order for it to be valid for application purposes.

_____ 12. OPTIONAL FOR ADDITIONAL MERIT POINTS: Proof of military service, either veteran or active needed. Some forms of acceptable identification include: DD214, CAC-Common Access Card, ID Card for services received at the VA or Benefit level-showing level of disability. If one of these forms isn't available, please work with the veteran's office on campus or reach out to your local VSO (veteran service office) for proof of service.

"All application documents delivered to the College of DuPage pertaining to a health sciences admissions file become the property of the College of DuPage and will not be returned to applicants. This includes but is not limited to transcripts, letters of recommendation, clinical evaluation forms or outside test reports."

Requests for admission are **not** automatically carried over to the following cycle. Applicants who were not accepted for the cycle in which they originally applied are asked to pay the $50 non-refundable Health Career application fee and submit any/all supporting documents as listed on the Application Checklist of the Application Packet requirements (if applicable).

Respiratory Care Merit Evaluation

For your reference only; admissions committee completes this form. Do not fill out and submit (subject to change) *Applicants with prerequisite coursework completed by the deadline will be considered before any applicant with coursework in process during Summer 2027.*

Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____ **Date:** _____

Residency Verification Form — Yes or No (circle)

Information Session — Yes or No (circle)

HESI-A2 Exam — Yes or No (circle)

Reading & Writing Requirement — Yes or No (circle)

Prerequisites Courses Needed Prior to Application (Scale A) **Points**

Science Course – see step 8 on page 4∗ _____

ANAT or CHEMI Course _____

Math Course – see step 7 on page 4∗ _____

∗ *Grade of 'C' or lower will NOT be accepted*

English & Speech Courses Required to Graduate (Per student AAS degree planning worksheet) * (Scale B)

ENGLI 1101 or ENGLI 1105 _____

SPEEC 1100, 1120 or 1150 _____

Grade of 'B' or lower will NOT be awarded merit points. Courses satisfied by degree, proficiency and by national examination will not be used in the merit evaluation.

HESI-A2 Score (Scale C)
(>70% must be obtained on the Vocabulary & General Knowledge and Reading Comprehension portions to apply).

Reading Comprehension _____

Vocabulary & Knowledge _____

Anatomy & Physiology _____

Math _____

Cumulative _____

Degree (Scale D) _____

Veteran Status (Scale D) _____

TOTAL POINTS: (Max Points: 29) _____
Minimum merit score of 8 required. Scores below 8 will be considered only if seats remain.

SCALE A	SCALE B	SCALE C	Scale D
Letter Grade A: = 3 Letter Grade B: = 2 Additional 1 Point if ANAT 1 or 2 or CHEMI course completed with an A for Science Requirement. Excludes all BIO and Survey of A&P.	Letter Grade A: = 1 Grade below A = 0	Score 90-100% = 3 Score 80-89% = 2 Score 75-79% = 1 Score 0-74% = 0	Bachelors Degree:= 1 OR Masters Degree = 2 Veteran = 3