



Train for a rewarding career as a Respiratory Therapist



SJVC's Respiratory Therapy (RT) program prepares students to be a member of a health care team that evaluates, treats and manages patients with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders through demonstrated competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by registered respiratory therapists (RRTs).

In addition to performing respiratory care procedures, respiratory therapists are involved in clinical decision-making and patient education.



Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Clinical performance as an advanced-level Respiratory Therapist
- Critical thinking and judgment skills
- Professional behavior consistent with a Respiratory Therapist
- Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support Provider (PALS), and Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP) certifications
- Philosophies of professional growth in continued education
- Professional appearance, attitudes and behavior
- Communication concepts, critical analysis, and ethical behavior appropriate to interpersonal and professional interactions



Credential and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and the following certifications: Basic Life Support (BLS); Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS); Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS); and Neonatal Resuscitation Provider (NRP).

SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program

State Licensure

Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC): Therapist Multiple Choice Exam (TMC). Upon achieving the minimum cut score on the TMC, graduates will be eligible to take the Clinical Simulation Exam (CSE). Upon successfully passing the CSE, the graduate earns the Registered Respiratory Therapy (RRT) credential. The RRT credential is the minimum entry requirement for licensure in California.

Graduates who earn the RRT credential by the National Board for Respiratory Care and are licensed by the California Respiratory Care Board are authorized to use the title "Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner," which is a requirement to work in this field.

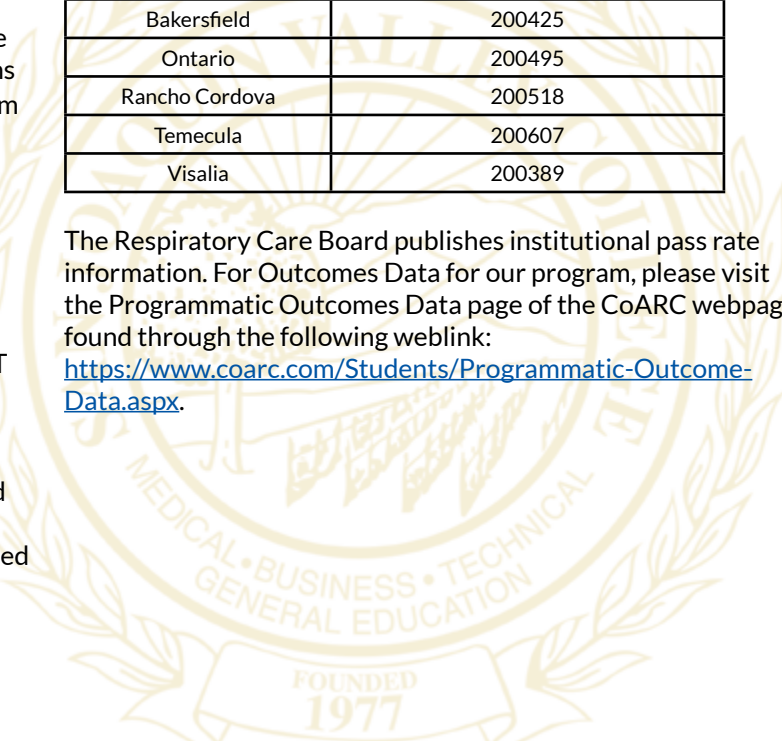
Programmatic Accreditation

The Associate of Science Degree Respiratory Therapy program at the following SJVC campuses is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (www.coarc.com).

Campus	CoARC Program Number
Bakersfield	200425
Ontario	200495
Rancho Cordova	200518
Temecula	200607
Visalia	200389

The Respiratory Care Board publishes institutional pass rate information. For Outcomes Data for our program, please visit the Programmatic Outcomes Data page of the CoARC webpage, found through the following weblink:

<https://www.coarc.com/Students/Programmatic-Outcome-Data.aspx>.



Career Information

Well-trained respiratory therapists work in hospitals, medical equipment companies, home care agencies, physicians' offices, or managed care organizations; as well as specialized areas such as sleep and pulmonary function labs.

These skilled professionals are expected to perform the following job duties:

- Sample arterial blood for blood gas analysis
- Perform pulmonary function testing
- Develop or modify respiratory care plans
- Provide life support measures
- Deliver respiratory medications & gases

Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net) www.onetonline.org



Admissions Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Applicant must be in good health and physically fit
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected graduation date

Applicants to the Respiratory Therapy program are selected based on points earned in an evaluation process that includes assessment, transcript review, professional reference and personal interview.

Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to school work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing*

Core Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
BIO 24	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4.0
CHE 3A	Introduction to General Chemistry	4.0
BIO 31	Microbiology	4.0
RCP 100	Introduction to Respiratory Care	7.0
RCP 130	Fundamentals of Respiratory Care	4.0
RCP 140	Respiratory Care Pathophysiology	4.0
RCP 110	Pharmacology	4.0
RCP 150	Ventilatory Principles of Respiratory Care	5.0
RCP 160	Critical Care Principles of Respiratory Care	3.0
RCP 170	Essentials of Respiratory Care	7.0
RCP 180	Advanced Respiratory Care	5.0
RCP 190	Specialized Respiratory Care	7.0
RCP 120	Clinical Laboratory Practice	1.0
RCP 210	Clinical Practice - Rotation 1	5.0
RCP 220	Clinical Practice - Rotation 2	5.0
RCP 230	Clinical Practice - Rotation 3	5.0
Total		74.0

General Education Courses

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
ENG 121	Composition and Reading - Part A	3.0
ENG 122	Composition and Reading - Part B	3.0
MTH 121	College Algebra - Part A	3.0
MTH 122	College Algebra - Part B	3.0
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Total		21.0
A.S. Degree Program Total		95.0

*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 (<https://www.wscuc.org>). The WSCUC is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

ATASCADERO 805.470.7130	FRESNO 559.448.8282	HANFORD 559.584.8840	MADERA 559.302.2155	PORTERVILLE 559.853.4114	SANTA MARIA 805.608.3104
BAKERSFIELD 661.834.0126	FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER 559.453.0123	HESPERIA 760.948.1947	MODESTO 209.542.8800	RANCHO CORDOVA 916.638.7582	TEMECULA 951.296.6015
DELANO 661.778.1145		LANCASTER 661.974.8282	ONTARIO 909.948.7582	RANCHO MIRAGE 442.305.7701	VISALIA 559.651.2500