



RESPIRATORY THERAPY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Respiratory Therapy (RT) is a limited admission program.

If you are an applicant who would like to pursue readmission/advanced entry into the RT program, please review the readmission/advanced entry RT admission packet, available at www.wilkescc.edu/academics/health-sciences/.

Dates/Deadlines for Fall 2020:

College Application Deadline: April 30, 2020

RT Information Session: September 25, 2019 - May 7, 2020 (See page 4 for details)

Completion of Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Review: May 18, 2020 - May 27, 2020

A MAR review can be scheduled after Steps 1-5 of Part I (Minimum Admission Requirements) have been successfully completed. Step 6 must also be completed or currently in progress.

All admission requirements must be successfully completed by the applicable deadline dates listed above in order to be considered for admission to the RT program for Fall 2020.

Admissions Information

The RT program is a limited enrollment program that admits approximately **10 applicants** once a year in the fall semester.

REMEMBER TO KEEP CONTACT INFORMATION CURRENT!

Notify the Student Services Office/RT Admissions immediately if you change your mailing address, home phone, work phone, or cell number, etc. Otherwise incorrect information may result in our inability to contact you regarding admission.

Wilkes Community College (WCC) reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice. Although the Student Services Office makes every effort to keep the information current, it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain the most current admissions information for the program and term for which he/she has applied.

PART I: MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following steps must be completed. Please use this page to monitor your progress.

- _____ 1. Completion of a WCC Application listing Respiratory Therapy as your Program of Study**
- _____ 2. Completion of Placement Test or Satisfactory Exemption**
- _____ 3. RT Information Session**
- _____ 4. Completion of High School Diploma or Recognized Equivalent**
- _____ 5. Submission of Official Transcripts**
- _____ 6. Required Courses**
- _____ 7. Successful Completion of a MAR Review**

1. Completion of a WCC application

Submit a WCC application for admission www.wilkescc.edu/how-to-get-started/new-students/ indicating Respiratory Therapy as your intended program of study. Applicants may only apply for two limited-admission programs in each academic year. WCC limited-admission programs include: Associate Degree Nursing, Dental Assisting, Emergency Medical Science, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy and Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN).

2. Completion of Placement Test

All applicants must demonstrate English, Reading, and Math Competencies to be eligible for program consideration. Please see admission advisor to review required competencies. Please note that there are several changes that have occurred in the past year and changes may continue to occur as we transition to a new NC Initiative, RISE. Although the Student Services Office makes every effort to keep the information current, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain the most current admissions information for the program and term for which he/she has applied.

Successfully complete or exempt the Placement Test by meeting one of the options below:

- Minimum required NCDAP placement test scores.
- College level English and math courses with applicable prerequisites.
- Meets Multiple Measures criteria for recent High School graduates.
- SAT/ACT scores:

SAT (Pre-March 2016)	SAT (March 2016 and forward)	ACT
Reading 500 or Writing 500	Reading & Writing 480	Reading 22 or Writing 18
Math 500	Math 530	Math 22

Please follow the link below for more details regarding exemption options, Multiple Measures policy, scheduling a testing appointment, and study materials: <https://www.wilkescc.edu/placementtesting/>

Applicants requiring special testing accommodations due to a disability must contact the Disability Services Office at (336) 838-6560 at least 10 working days prior to testing.

3. RT Information Session

Attend a mandatory RT Information Session to review the application process. A list of the information session dates and times are given below. **You must register for the information session of your choice**, contact Callie McCraw at (336) 838-6459 or cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu. You must complete an admission application for RT before registering. **You must register by the registration deadline to attend the session.** Sessions will not be rescheduled unless the host site is closed due to inclement weather. Children are not allowed at the sessions.

An online option is now available for the Respiratory Therapy Information Session. The deadline to complete the online session is May 5, 2020. The session can be found at the following link:

<https://www.wilkescc.edu/academics/health-sciences/respiratory-therapy/>

WILKES CAMPUS - Alumni Hall (Room 1112)

Session Date	Time	Registration Deadline
September 25, 2019 - Wednesday	4 pm	September 18, 2019
May 5, 2020 - Tuesday	4 pm	April 28, 2020

4. Completion of High School Diploma or Recognized Equivalent

High school diploma or recognized equivalent must be completed before entry into the program. (If applying as a high school senior, submission of a transcript reflecting all high school course work completed at the time of application and the anticipated high school graduation date is required. If admitted, a final transcript must be

submitted prior to beginning the program that reflects additional coursework completed and the official graduation date.)

5. Submission of Transcripts

RT applicants must submit official high school, GED or Adult High School and official college transcripts at each educational institution attended. An official transcript is defined as a transcript that is received by the Student Services Office in a sealed envelope with the official school seal.

6. Required Courses

Applicant must successfully complete the following required courses with a grade of “C” or better. The following two classes must be completed or in progress before the applicant can schedule a MAR review:

- a) One year/credit of a high school biology or BIO 110 or BIO 111 & BIO 112
- b) One year/credit of a high school chemistry or CHM 130 & CHM 130A or CHM 151 & CHM 152

- Please note that credit by exam will not be accepted for the required courses.

7. Successful Completion of a MAR Review

When a student has met the minimum admission requirements steps #1 through #6, he/she must contact the Health Sciences Admissions Advisor, Callie McCraw, at cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu or 336-838-6459 to schedule a MAR review appointment. This process is being used to verify that all the above criteria has been met and satisfied. **Required courses must be completed by the applicants MAR review date or the applicants MAR review will be cancelled.**

PART II: RANKING/SELECTION PROCESS

1. **GPA:** Grades from the following most recently completed courses (Section A and Section B) are used to determine a Grade Point Average (GPA) and the GPA is then converted into a point value (based upon an educational records points table).

Section A-Required high school or community college courses:

High school biology <i>or</i> BIO 110 <i>or</i> BIO 111 & BIO 112
High school chemistry <i>or</i> CHM 130 & CHM 130A <i>or</i> CHM 151 & CHM 152

Section B-General education courses in the RT curriculum: (Grades from any of the below general education courses that have been completed by the deadline date will be included in the GPA calculation.)

BIO 163 – Basic Anatomy and Physiology
ENG 111 – Writing and Inquiry
ENG 112 – Writing/Research in the Disc
PSY 150 – General Psychology
COM 231 – Public Speaking
CIS 110 – Introduction to Computers
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (One 3 credit hour course; cannot be a Foreign Language)

GPA Calculation:

- When calculating your program GPA, the required courses (Section A) and the general education courses completed by the MAR review date (Section B) are calculated.
- Grade points are awarded based upon the following scale:

A	4 Grade Points
B	3 Grade Points
C	2 Grade Points
D	1 Grade Point
F	0 Grade Points

- The grade points earned for the 2 required classes (Section A) and any general education classes completed (Section B) are tallied and divided by the total number of courses completed.

Please Note: If an applicant has a “D” or “F” in any course within Section B then the course will count in the point system, but will not fulfill RT degree requirements.

If BIO 163, 165, 166, 168, or 169 (or an equivalent course) has been successfully completed prior to entry into the Respiratory Therapy program, it must have been completed within five years from the first day of the Fall semester of entering the program. Otherwise, the credits will be considered to have expired and will not count towards fulfilling Respiratory Therapy program requirements and will not count in the Respiratory Therapy admission point system.

If an applicant has completed the two required courses (Section A) in high school or college with a grade of “C” or better, the applicant has met the admission requirement. However, if the student repeats the college equivalent for a particular course within Section A and receives a “D” or “F” then the most recent grade will count within the point system.

2. **Alternate Status:** Points are awarded based upon having been an alternate for the WCC RT program during the two previous years. A maximum of two points can be earned from this factor.

	Points
Fall 2018	1
Fall 2019	1

Total Points for Ranking

Applicants with the highest points will be accepted. The exact number of applicants accepted depends on the available spaces in the program. In case of applicants with the same number of earned points, the applicant with the earlier MAR review date will be ranked higher. If a tie still exists, the applicant with the earlier application date will be ranked higher.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Accepted applicants will be notified by phone. These applicants will be required to attend a mandatory meeting to accept their position in the ADN program. Notification letters will be mailed to all alternates. Applicants who did not meet the minimum requirements, were not accepted, or declined admission and wish to be considered for the next available class must:

1. Submit a new application
2. Attend another information session
3. Complete all admissions requirements for that application year

CPR/MEDICAL FORM

Applicants who are selected for admission to the RT program must submit documentation of the following steps to the Clinical Education Coordinator by the first day of class:

- a. Evidence of current CPR certification (must be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider).
- b. Submission of the Wilkes Community College Student Medical Form which must be completed by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

Applicants who have been accepted into the RT program will also be required to attend a mandatory RT program orientation. The date of the orientation will be provided to applicants who are admitted to the program.

Notice of Criminal Background Check

Applicants admitted to the program will be required to submit criminal background checks and drug screenings as directed by affiliated clinical agencies. A criminal background check and drug screen is required by some agencies before clinical placements which are necessary to complete the RT program. Students who are unable to complete required clinical placements will be dismissed from the program for failure to make satisfactory progress. Individuals completing the RT program are eligible to apply to take a licensing examination, which they must pass in order to receive a license to practice. The licensing board **does require** information regarding conviction of a felony and/or misdemeanor and/or current charges on the application for licensure and **MAY DECIDE NOT TO LICENSE** an individual based on the result of an investigation of those particular charges.

Please Note: To maintain enrollment in the Respiratory Therapy program, a student must earn a “C” or better in all courses required for the degree. The first “D” or “F” earned will result in a student being withdrawn from the program.

Be advised: When considering whether to admit an undocumented immigrant into a specific program of study, community colleges shall take into account that federal law prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants. Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist. Please note, these procedures comply with numbered memo CC10-26, which was published by the North Carolina Community College System on July 12, 2010.

For any questions concerning the process or requirements please contact:

<p>Callie McCraw Health Sciences Admissions Advisor (336) 838-6459 cnmccraw850@wilkescc.edu</p>	<p>Billy Woods Dean of Health Sciences & Program Director/Lead Instructor of the RT program (336) 838-6496 wwoods000@wilkescc.edu</p>
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Associate Degree Respiratory Therapy General Education Courses and Course Substitutions

Related Course in Curriculum	Course Approved for Substitution for the Respiratory Therapy Program
ACA 115	ACA 122 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
BIO 163	BIO 168 & BIO 169 or BIO 165 & BIO 166 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
ENG 112	ENG 113 or ENG 114 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)
COM 231	COM 120 (must complete the course with a grade of “C” or higher)

- If BIO 163, 165, 166, 168, or 169 have been completed prior to entry into the nursing program, they must have been completed within five years from the first day of the fall semester of entering the program. Otherwise the credits will be considered to have expired and will not count towards fulfilling program requirements and will not count in the nursing point system.

Your faculty advisor must request that the substitution be made, and it must be approved by the Health Sciences Dean, Billy Woods. **You should always consult with your advisor before taking a course other than the course required in the Respiratory Therapy program plan. You may be required to provide a course syllabus for courses other than the one required by your program.**