

Health Careers in Mississippi

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RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

About the Profession

Respiratory therapists, under the direction of physicians, assist in the treatment of patients who have difficulties with breathing due to cardiopulmonary (heart-lung) problems. They perform diagnostic tests, monitor life support equipment and analyze blood samples for gases as well as assist with patient and family education.

Credential/Licensure/Registration/Certification

Licensure is required through the Mississippi State Board of Health. A graduate must earn his/her certified respiratory therapy technician credential, CRTT, from the National Board for Respiratory Care in order to be eligible for a state license. Graduates from an accredited therapist program are eligible for both the CRTT (Entry Level) and the registered respiratory therapist, RRT (Advanced), credentials in respiratory care.

Work Environment

Hospitals
Nursing homes
Clinics
Educational facilities
Private industry
Physician's offices
Home health agencies

Program Availability

Copiah-Lincoln Community College
PO Box 649
Wesson, MS 39191
Telephone: (601) 643-5101
[For more information](#)
Class Capacity: 15
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 21 months
Degree: AS

Hinds Community College
Nursing / Allied Health Center
1750 Chadwick Drive
Jackson, MS 39204
Telephone: (601) 372-6507
[For more information](#)
Class Capacity: 30
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 23 months
Degree: AAS

Itawamba Community College
602 W Hill Street

Fulton, MS 38843
Telephone: (601) 862-3101
[For more information](#)
Class Capacity: 16
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 17 months
Degree: AAS

Meridian Community College
Drawer #358
Meridian, MS 39307
Telephone: (601) 483-8241
[For more information](#)
Class Capacity: 15
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 18 months
Degree: AS

MS Gulf Coast Community College
Perkinston Campus
PO Box 548
Perkinston, MS 39573
Telephone: (601) 928-5211
[For more information](#)
Class Capacity: 20
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 24 months
Degree: AS

Northeast Mississippi Community College
Cunningham Boulevard
Booneville, MS 38829
Telephone: (662) 728-7751

[For more information](#)

Class Capacity: 12
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 22 months
Degree: AAS

Northwest Mississippi Community College
Desoto Campus
5197 WE Ross Parkway
Southaven, MS 38671
Telephone: (662) 342-1570

[For more information](#)

Class Capacity: 30
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 22 months
Degree: AAS

Pearl River Community College
101 Hwy 11 North Box 5120
Poplarville, MS 39470
Telephone: (601) 795-1211

[For more information](#)

Class Capacity: 20
Classes Begin: Aug
Length: 24 months

Degree: AAS

Forrest County Vocational Technical Center
5448 US Highway 49 South
Hattiesburg, MS 39401
Telephone: (601) 544-7722

Professional Associations

American Association for Respiratory Care
11030 Ables Lane
Dallas, TX 75229
Telephone: (972) 243-2272

[AARC Website](#)

The National Board for Respiratory Care
8310 Nieman Road
Lenexa, KS 66214
Telephone: (913) 599-4200

[NBRC Website](#)

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