

## WHY CHOOSE THIS CAREER PATHWAY?

What can be more rewarding than saving the life of another human being? Respiratory therapists are on the front lines in emergency rooms, intensive care units, and clinics where patients may be having difficulty breathing because of pneumonia, asthma, emphysema or other chronic issues. They intubate a patient whose airway needs to be kept open. They help drowning victims survive. They work with premature infants with undeveloped lungs.

They make a difference daily by breathing new life into a variety of patients in dire need of help.

Employment of respiratory therapists is expected to grow by 23 percent in the 10-year period ending in 2026, which is much faster than other occupations. In addition, you could earn your associate degree and receive critical clinical experience at hospitals and medical centers within just two years.



## ABOUT CAREER EDUCATION

The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District offers scores of career education programs in a wide variety of areas such as business office technology, web design, culinary arts and more. Classes are just \$46 per unit, and many programs can be completed in as little as a year.

Projections call for a likely shortage of 1.5 million workers by 2025 with some postsecondary education but less than a bachelor's degree, and career education is a vital component in filling that gap as it provides an accessible pathway to good-paying jobs and offers the kind of hands-on, practical training that employers demand. So what are you waiting for?

## QUESTIONS?

Interested in learning more about the Respiratory Therapy Program at Grossmont College?

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## ABOUT RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Our Respiratory Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, which allow graduates to take the licensure exam needed to work as a professional respiratory therapist. What's more, virtually all of our graduates pass the National Board for Respiratory Care examination for certified respiratory therapists and for registered respiratory therapists, and the vast majority of our graduates find work within one year. Grossmont College has an active Respiratory Therapy Club to help students network with each other and industry professionals.

## AVAILABLE CAREER PATHS IN THIS PATHWAY

Respiratory therapists provide the hands-on care that helps people recover from a wide range of medical conditions. Therapists get to know their patients' families, and have the opportunity to help them through trying times. Whenever breathing is an issue, they are there. You'll find respiratory therapists in hospitals giving breathing treatments, in intensive care units managing ventilators to keep the critically ill alive, in a doctor's office conducting pulmonary function tests and educating patients, and many other places assisting patients.

- Respiratory Therapist
- Health Educator
- Adult Critical Care Specialist
- Neonatal Pediatric Specialist
- Sleep Disorder Specialist
- Pulmonary Function Technologist
- Case Manager



## WHAT YOU CAN EARN

The average annual wage for a respiratory therapist in San Diego County was nearly \$77,000, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, and nearly \$79,000 statewide.



## DEGREES & CERTIFICATES IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Grossmont College offers an Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy, which is needed for the registry exam administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Passing the registry exam is required to obtain a license to practice in most states.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"Grossmont College's Respiratory Therapy program was a life-changing experience for me. The strong foundation in the classroom and clinical experiences prepared me for my board exams and job interviews and ultimately helped me forge my career."  
-Nina Haskell, Rady's Children's Hospital

## HOW TO APPLY AND ENROLL

- Go to [grossmont.edu/rt](https://grossmont.edu/rt) for a program application
- After the application is accepted, **apply and enroll** at Grossmont College
- Pay fees and **attend your classes!**