

## **RC Program Application & Admissions**

**RC/PPS No. 01.09**

**Effective Date: May 2023**

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E2YRS**

**Sr. Reviewer:**

### **01. PURPOSE**

- 01.01 This Departmental Policy and Procedure Statement sets forth criteria and guidelines for accepting student applications to the Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care program and processing applications to admission to the program.

### **02. PROCESS**

- 02.01 Faculty will be appointed by department chair to the RC Admissions Committee, which will be chaired by the current department chair.

### **03. PROCEDURES**

- 03.01 Priority applicants having completed all core and pre-requisite courses may apply November 1 closing December 15. All applications received after December 15 will be part of the general application process which is open from December 16 through May 1. The RC Admissions Committee will begin evaluating and ranking all applications with the most highly qualified students, as determined by the Admissions Committee, being notified of their status. Full acceptance is pending the outcome of applicant background check and drug screening. A waitlist of potential candidates will be generated from the remaining applicant pool with notification of their status. Should a selected program applicant decline or become ineligible for program admission due to a flagged background check or drug screen testing, applicants on the waitlist will be notified and invited to accept a seat in the cohort. All applicants will be notified of their status by June.
- 03.02 Applicants with a current Registered Respiratory Therapist submitted (RRT) credential earned through the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC) graduating from a regionally accredited associate degree program in respiratory therapy with full accreditation status granted by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) may apply to Texas State and the Department of Respiratory Care for the AS-to-BSRC Completion or Advanced Standing Program. Although the number of general education core courses required for BSRC completion will vary with each individual's previous educational experience and courses completed, students with the RRT credential will be awarded block credit for 35 credit hours completed through ASRT major courses at the RRT level. The remaining RC major course requirements for BSRC completion at Texas State will include RC 3332 – Hemodynamics , RC 4211 – RC Research, RC 4216 – Disease Management, RC 4221 – Leadership & Management for RC Profession, RC 4224 – Research Seminar, RC 4309 – Pulmonary Diagnostics, RC 4311 – Interdisciplinary Health Care, RC 4314 – Advanced Ventilator Concepts, RC 4317 –

Pulmonary Rehabilitation, RC 4324 – Sleep Medicine & Polysomnography, RC 4333 – Neonatal Critical Care, RC 4334 – Adult Critical Care.


03.03 Individual academic advising with the RC Department and the Academic Advising Office in the College of Health Professions will be required for each transfer student to complete an individualized degree completion plan. All remaining general education core courses may be taken in any sequence and during any given semester. All requirements for residency, upper division, and writing intensive coursework must be satisfied to qualify for BSRC degree completion.

**04. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS RC/PPS**

- 04.01 Major responsibilities for routine assignments associated with this PPS include the following:
  - a. The Chair and the Personnel Committee of the Department of Respiratory Care shall review this PPS E2Y or as needed.

**05. CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

05.01 This RC/PPS has been approved by the following individuals in his/her official capacity and represents Department policy and procedures from the date of this document until superseded.

  
 Reviewer: Chris Russian (Oct 30, 2024 08:42 CDT) Date: 10/30/2024  
 Personnel Committee Chair

  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 10/30/2024  
 Department Chair