

Respiratory Care | Bachelor's Degree

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with a First Year Advisor to develop your academic planning. Learn the requirements of the respiratory care pre-RC and consult the department advisors. Explore majors with a MyMajors assessment. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center (Tutoring).	Meet with the Health Professions Advising Center for questions about the major. Apply to the respiratory care program to begin in the junior year. Explore external scholarship opportunities such as the Fulbright Scholarship to take your expertise to unique locations abroad. Seek scholarship opportunities offered by the College of Health Professions. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC.	Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor. Explore next steps including potential graduate programs. Complement your degree with a micro credential. Meet with a faculty mentor or peer advisor. Complete a capstone project related to major.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for courses that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Join student organizations or committees that focus on health professions. Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB.	Enrich your experience by joining the Respiratory Care Student Association (RCSA). Consider the College of Health Professions Study Abroad Program to experience different cultures while gaining hands-on skills in your field. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community. Attend a Nonprofit and Volunteer Fair from Student Involvement to jump into meaningful service in TXST's community.	Participate in the College of Health Professions Research Forum. Be a volunteer at a free medical clinic. Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community. Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service program.
ENRICH your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research.	Prepare to earn Professional Involvement Credits as described in the student handbook once admitted to the BSRC program. Clarify plans for your internship by checking the respiratory care student handbook and consulting department faculty. Review micro internship opportunities for professional development in which you learn and earn. Check out the National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Program.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Connect to Respiratory Care professional boards, commissions, and licensing agencies which enhance your knowledge, network and resources. Deliver a presentation in a student conference, workshop, seminar or community organization.
ELEVATE your career and professional life	Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create your Handshake profile. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders. Develop and review your resume with Career Services.	Develop your resume with the help of the professionals at Career Services. Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services or your academic department.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services. Attend employer info sessions at Career Services. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify faculty and professional references.

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OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Assist physicians/provider in specific procedures

Communication & negotiation with health care team

Disease management & health promotion

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Career Opportunities

Respiratory care practitioner

Registered pulmonary function technologist (RPFT)

Registered respiratory therapist (RRT)

Neonatal/pediatric respiratory care specialist (NPS)

Respiratory therapist

Medical services manager

Experiences in Respiratory Care

The bachelor of science with major in respiratory care is a competitive degree that includes clinical rotations in a variety of healthcare settings. The first two years of the degree (university core courses and prerequisites) are completed in San Marcos. By May of their sophomore year, students apply for admission into the fall B.S.R.C. class or cohort. For their last two years (junior and senior years), students complete the sequential curriculum on the Round Rock Campus. Through clinical rotations and the opportunity for an internship in a chosen specialization, students gain professional experience before graduation. Students have the option to participate in Education Abroad or Study in America for global and cultural enrichment. Membership in numerous campus organizations is also available for developing peer networks.