

FAQ – Dual Degree Respiratory Therapy/Allied Health Major

1. Am I eligible to apply for the Dual Degree Respiratory Therapy/Allied Health Program?

Students must complete 3 prerequisite courses to be eligible to apply for the RT program:

- Anatomy and Physiology (either BIO 109 at CCBC or 2 semesters of A&P at Towson)
- Fundamentals of Chemistry (CHEM 107/108 at CCBC or CHEM 121/121L at Towson)
- Writing Class (ENGL 101 at CCBC or ENGL 102 at Towson)

Also, you must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher on program prerequisites and program general education requirements to be considered for the program. You must have a grade of C or higher for the program prerequisites and all program general education requirements. Please see the Respiratory Care Admissions Packet. [Respiratory Care Admissions Packet](#)

2. When/how do I apply for the program?

The application deadline is April 1, though it is advised to submit your application before that deadline. Check out the [Respiratory Care Therapist Program Website](#) and follow the directions on the admissions page. Review the [Respiratory Care Admissions Packet](#). Note: You must first get a student ID at CCBC before you complete your application. You will need to complete a selective admission application. This can be done online. It is recommended that you let the Towson Allied Health Program Director know when you submit your application so that she can alert the program director.

3. How many Towson students are accepted into the RT program?

The RT program at CCBC Essex is very competitive. Towson student applications are held to the same standards as the other applications. Strong science grades and overall GPA are important.

4. What else do I need to do besides submit an application?

Students who meet the standards for applying will meet with the RT program director for an interview. This interview is a very important part of the application process.

5. When should I know if I was accepted into the RT program?

Final decisions are made by the end of June, with classes starting the following August.

6. When can I change my major to Allied Health at Towson?

After you are accepted into the RT program at Essex you can change your major to Allied Health at Towson.

7. Do I need a car to take these classes?

The respiratory therapy classes are held at the CCBC campus in Essex. During the second semester of classes students do their first clinical practicum. You need to be able to get

to the hospital where you are placed for the practicum placements throughout the program.

8. Can I take courses when I want to?

The course of study for the RT program is very structured, with each course and practicum building upon the prior semester. You will be part of a cohort that completes courses in a specified order.

9. What Towson classes do I need to take?

You will work closely with the Allied Health program director to be sure all of your Towson graduation requirements are met. This includes Allied Health program class requirements as well as making sure you have the minimum 32 upper division credits, all of your Core requirements completed and a minimum of 120 total credits. You will be able to transfer into Towson the credits/classes you take at CCBC. In addition, CCBC may accept some of your Towson credits to meet the requirements for graduation at that institution.

10. Can I graduate from Towson before I finish my AAS degree in the RT program at CCBC?

No, successful completion of the RT program at CCBC/awarding of the AAS degree is required to get your BTPS degree from Towson. An official transcript from CCBC that indicates you have earned your AAS degree, along with any of the credits you took at CCBC that are being transferred back to Towson, will be required before you can get your BTPS degree from Towson. The Graduation Office clears students for graduation and has until early July to certify that all requirements are met. Therefore, if you have completed all of your other Towson requirements, then it would be possible to graduation with both your AAS and your BTPS degree at the same time.

11. Are there additional fees at CCBC for the Respiratory Program?

Students must purchase a lab equipment kit (minimum \$260). Students are required to buy a lab coat and polo shirt(s) with the program's logo. The price for each item ranges from \$30-35 depending on the size. Students can buy hunter green or forest green scrub pants at any store. It is also recommended that students buy a good pair of white work

shoes. Students also need to purchase a professional model stethoscope that is approved by the clinical instructor before purchase. The student models usually found in the campus bookstore are not acceptable.

12. How can I be sure that I complete the requirements for both Towson and CCBC?

The RT program director at CCBC and the allied health coordinator at TU will collaborate to ensure that requirements for both programs are met.

13. How will my financial aid be affected when I am taking classes at CCBC, therefore not a full course load at Towson?

Students can complete a 'Financial Aid Consortium Agreement' initiated at Towson. In essence you ARE a full-time student but taking required classes at another institution.

14. Do I pay Towson tuition rates for the courses I take at CCBC?

No, you pay for the CCBC courses (at CCBC rates) directly to CCBC and pay for the courses you take at Towson directly to Towson.

15. Where can I get more information about the Respiratory Program at CCBC?

Please review the Program Admission Packet [Respiratory Care Admissions Packet](#) or contact the Respiratory Care Therapist Program Director, Virginia Forster, MA, RRT-443-840-1798 or email vforster@ccbcmd.edu

For more information, contact the Allied Health Program Coordinator at Towson University, Dr. Wendy Whitner, at: 410-704-4223 or email wwhitner@towson.edu