

Towson's Allied Health Program — Advanced Respiratory Therapy Track

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the Advanced Respiratory courses offered at Towson University?

AHLT 405 Systemic Disease Processes And Interventions In Respiratory Care

AHLT 407 Neonatal And Pediatric Respiratory Care

AHLT 409 Sleep And Rehab Services In Respiratory Care

AHLT 411 Advanced Cardiopulmonary Disease And Pathophysiology

AHLT 413 Pharmacology And Therapeutics

How are the Advanced Respiratory Therapy courses different than what I took at the Community College?

The Advanced Respiratory Therapy courses at Towson are delivered using the foundation content taught in most entry-level Respiratory programs and **builds** on them using **research, critical thinking** and **assessment skills**, and **related work experience**. Several of the courses include topics that are only briefly discussed during your community college training.

How are the Allied Health Program courses delivered?

All of the Advanced Respiratory Therapy classes are delivered in a **fully online** asynchronous format. You will have assignments due on specific dates, but the classes don't "meet" at set times. All of the Allied Health Program Core courses and also those in the **Administration/Management Track** are **fully online**.

When are these courses offered?

One Advanced Respiratory Class is offered every **Fall and Spring** semester. Neonatal and Pediatric Respiratory Care (AHLT 407) and Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AHLT 413) are **only** offered in **alternate summers**. You should plan on taking these classes during the summer when you develop your course of study.

If I choose another Track and I am a Respiratory Therapist, can I take Advanced Respiratory Therapy classes as electives?

Yes. You have the clinical background to enroll in these classes. Since students must have a minimum of 32 upper division credits and a minimum of 120 credits for graduation, you can take these Respiratory classes to fulfill other University requirements.

Can I take Advanced Respiratory Therapy classes even if I'm not going to enroll for a degree?

Yes. You can enroll as a non-degree student and take these classes. If you decide in the future to apply to Towson for the Allied Health Program the courses you took as a non-degree student would count toward your degree. More information can be found at:

<http://www.towson.edu/main/admissions/nondegreeenroll/index.asp>

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