

Student Handbook Respiratory Care Handbook Addendums

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Essential Functions

- All individuals, including those with disabilities who are accepted to the Respiratory Care Program must be able to perform essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.
- The following outlines the abilities and behavioral characteristics that are necessary for the student to progress through and graduate from the Respiratory Care Program at St. Luke's College.
- The student should carefully review the essential functions at orientation and ask questions if not familiar with the functions that are listed. It is the responsibility of the student to determine if they are able to meet these requirements.
- If the student has a disability, it is their responsibility to inform the Executive Dean of Academics and Student Services. The program director must also be notified if it interferes with the ability to perform essential functions.
- Similar essential functions will be required at places of employment post- graduation.

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Secure Comprehensive Program Examination

All students must satisfactorily complete the NBRC Secure Comprehensive Therapist Multiple Choice SAE. This exam will be given during the spring semester of the second year of the program. Students must achieve the minimum score set by the National Board for Respiratory Care for RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapist) credentialing. In the event the student does not receive the minimum score on the first exam, they will have two additional opportunities to pass a similar exam.

If the student requires to take a third exam, it is at the student's expense. Failure to successfully pass the exam after three opportunities (utilizing similar exams for each additional attempt), may result in the delay of graduation due to remediation.

This exam is not the same as the post-graduation exams graduates must pass in order to earn credentials.

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Graduation

The Associate of Science in Respiratory Care degree will be conferred on all candidates who satisfy the following requirements:

- Satisfactory completion of the prescribed course of study.
- Achievement of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0.

- Satisfactory completion of a minimum of 22 hours of credit in 200 level respiratory care classes at St. Luke's College.
- Satisfactory completion of the NBRC Secure Comprehensive Therapist Multiple Choice SAE or similar examination.
- Resolution of all financial obligations to the College.

After earning an Associate of Science (AS) degree, graduates are eligible to take the credentialing exams offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).