

# RESPIRATORY THERAPY - RT, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

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## Through Muskegon Community College

*NMC Code 712*

Northwestern Michigan College is a partner with Muskegon Community College and Munson Medical Center to offer a collaborative program leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree. All liberal arts and science courses can be taken through NMC. All didactic respiratory classes will be offered at Munson Medical Center via live interactive television from Muskegon Community College. Most clinical courses can be completed at Munson Medical Center. This program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (COARC).

The respiratory therapy program begins each fall semester. Enrollment in the program is based on the student meeting the following criteria:

- overall GPA of 2.0 and
- proficiency testing in Beginning Algebra and
- successful completion of ENG 111 English Composition.

Depending on placement test results and high school and/or college transcript evaluation, some prerequisite classes may be required. Class sizes generally begin with eight students in the Munson interactive classroom.

After completing more than two years of instruction, the student therapist receives the Associate in Applied Science degree (AAS) from Muskegon Community College. The student must pass the advanced practical examination given by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy in order to receive credentials.

## Admission Requirements

Enrollment in any Respiratory Therapy (RT) course requires admission to the Respiratory Therapy program. Consideration for admission requires satisfactory completion of program prerequisites and admission to both Muskegon Community College and the Respiratory Therapy program. Students who have completed the entry level requirements and have also completed non-professional courses will be given preference into the program. Space in the Respiratory Therapy program is limited.

**Completion of prerequisites does not guarantee admission to the Respiratory Therapy program.** Students interested in pursuing a degree in Traverse City for Respiratory Therapy from Muskegon Community College would follow these guidelines for application to and registration in the program.

1. Submit an application to Northwestern Michigan College. Applications are available at [www.nmc.edu/admissions](http://www.nmc.edu/admissions) (<http://www.nmc.edu/admissions/>) or at the Admissions Office (231) 995-1054.
2. Meet with an NMC advisor or Health Occupations Respiratory Therapy Advisor to complete your educational development plan for completing your degree.
3. Complete the basic criteria for admissions to the Respiratory Therapy program including:

- overall GPA of 2.0 and
  - proficiency testing in Beginning Algebra and
  - successful completion of ENG 111 English Composition.
4. Apply for Admission to both Muskegon Community College and the Respiratory Therapy program at Muskegon Community College. More information is available by calling (231) 995-1235.