

The Programs

The Rush University Respiratory Care programs are uniquely designed for leadership and advanced practice preparation. With these skills, program graduates will be well prepared to work in clinical practice and specialty areas, management and supervision, and research and education. During the respiratory care programs, students work closely with instructors, have hands-on fieldwork and research experiences at Rush University and its affiliated clinical sites. The programs do not require previous health care experience.

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN RESPIRATORY CARE

This program does not require previous health care experience and is designed for those who have earned a bachelor's degree in a field other than respiratory care. This leadership program combines advanced course work with diverse clinical fieldwork and research to thoroughly prepare students for careers as advanced-level respiratory therapists. The MS program is typically full time and lasts two years. An advanced standing option is available for registered respiratory therapists who have already earned a bachelor's degree.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) IN RESPIRATORY CARE

This program requires students to complete 60 semester credit hours of general education and prerequisite course work prior to admission. During the program students take courses in respiratory care and experience diverse clinical fieldwork. The BS program lasts approximately 21 months and is full time. Advanced standing for registered respiratory therapists is available.

Both the BS and MS programs prepare students for the advanced examinations for registered respiratory therapists given by the National Board for Respiratory Care.

For the complete curriculum, please visit
www.rushu.rush.edu/respiratorycare.

Get to know Rush.

Located in Chicago, Rush University is one of the nation's leading academic health centers for research and health profession education. Its supportive learning environment, leadership and research opportunities, and focus on community service help create an atmosphere of innovation and inspiration.

The College of Health Sciences (CHS) at Rush University is responsible for education and research in the allied health professions, including health care management. We seek to prepare superb allied health practitioners, leaders and managers. In addition to providing outstanding educational programs, the college makes meaningful and significant contributions to advancing health care through research scholarship, service and practice.

ACCREDITATION: The Respiratory Care Program at the College of Health Sciences at Rush University in Chicago, Illinois holds initial accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. For more information, go to www.coarc.com.

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Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Respiratory Care



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Start your Respiratory Care career at Rush University.

ABOUT THE PROFESSION

Respiratory therapists play critical roles as members of the health care team in caring for patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system. Respiratory therapists provide care for a diverse patient population, from newborns and children to adults and the elderly. Disease states and conditions often requiring respiratory care include asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis, emphysema, heart attack, infant respiratory distress, pneumonia, postoperative surgical complications, shock, stroke and trauma. Working with physicians and other health care practitioners, respiratory therapists help their patients breathe better by providing the following:

- Patient assessment, care plan development and respiratory care protocol administration
- Critical care, including airway care, ventilatory support, physiologic monitoring and advanced life support
- Perinatal and pediatric respiratory care
- Cardiopulmonary diagnostics and pulmonary function testing
- Patient education, pulmonary rehabilitation and disease management

PROGRAMS' HIGHLIGHTS

- Rush University offers the ONLY respiratory care BS and MS degrees in Illinois.
- The respiratory care programs have a uniquely designed curriculum that offers outstanding leadership and advanced practice preparation in multiple areas, including critical and neonatal care and cardiopulmonary diagnostics.
- Students have hands-on experience at top-tier academic medical centers in Chicago.
- Rush respiratory care students experience the innovative practitioner-teacher model, whereby faculty members take on multiple roles as educators, researchers and practitioners.
- The programs have a low student-to-faculty ratio, ensuring that each student receives individualized attention from program faculty.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Employment of respiratory therapists is expected to grow 28 percent through 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Rush University's respiratory care programs prepare students with both leadership and advanced practice skills, thus setting program graduates apart in the marketplace.
- An average salary for respiratory therapists in the United States is more than \$54,000 per year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Respiratory therapists find rewarding careers in multiple settings, including the following:
 - » Hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices
 - » Critical care units and transport
 - » Diagnostic laboratories and sleep centers
 - » Home care and extended-care facilities
 - » Colleges, universities and research facilities

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum overall and science GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 for the MS program and a GPA of 2.0 out of 4.0 for the BS program.
- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university is required for the MS program.

- GRE test scores are strongly recommended; however, they are not required for the MS program.
- For nonnative English speakers, a satisfactory Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score is required.
- For a complete list of prerequisite course work and other requirements for both the BS and MS programs, please visit www.rushu.rush.edu/respiratorycare.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Go to www.rushu.rush.edu/respiratorycare for more information about the application process, as well as details about becoming a student at Rush.

To apply: Submit an application, three references, official transcripts and a personal statement to the Allied Health Centralized Application Service (AHCAS) at <https://portal.ahcas.org>.

- Applications will be accepted until the class is full.
- The term of entry is normally fall quarter, which begins in early September.