

# Respiratory Care Therapy

School of Health Professions  
Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC)  
Essex Campus

## Admissions Packet

2021 – 2022



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## Program Description

The Respiratory Care Therapy program has:

- Accredited Advanced Level Associate Degree Program
- Selective Admissions
- Excellent pass rate on credentialing exam
- Excellent job opportunities and placement rate of graduates
- Diverse clinical experiences
- Motivated and experienced faculty

The faculty are dedicated to helping students achieve their goals to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist. The program provides learning opportunities that are responsive and accessible to the diverse students that we serve.

The program has been in existence since 1980 and has an excellent reputation in the medical community. Our Respiratory Care Therapist program will provide you a great job at a good salary, an opportunity to help others, and a rewarding career for life.

Virginia Forster, MA, RRT  
Program Director

## Accreditation

The Respiratory Care Therapy program located on CCBC's Essex campus, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care ([www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)) 264 Precision Blvd Telford, TN 37690 USA (817) 283-2835.

## Admissions Deadline

April 1<sup>st</sup> for a Fall start

## Required Prerequisite Coursework

Prerequisites must be completed with a 'C' or better and must be completed by the end of the spring semester in which the admissions deadline falls.

- ENGL 101
- BIOL 109 (or BIOL 220 and BIOL 221)
- CHEM 107
- CHEM 108

## General Education Requirements and Electives

The following courses are not required prior to entering the program, but must be successfully completed by the end of the program. For best consideration, all courses should be completed at time of application.

- ENGL 102
- HLTH 101
- CMNS 101
- CSIT 120 (fulfills Diversity requirement)
- PSYC 101
- General Education Math Elective, MATH 125 or MATH 135 preferred

## Minimum Admission Criteria

- Applicants must have minimum grade of C or better in the required prerequisite courses: BIOL 109 (or BIOL 220 & BIOL 221), ENGL 101, CHEM 107/108.
- Applicants either must be in progress with or have completed required prerequisite courses by the application deadline.
- Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.5 for all program requirements, general education courses, electives and prerequisites.
- Applicants must have a minimum CCBC GPA of 2.0 for any courses completed at CCBC.

The Respiratory Care Therapy program is selective and competitive. Highly qualified applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements may be invited for an interview. Applicants who have completed all or most of the general education courses will be more competitive.

Applicants who are already certified as polysomnographic (sleep) technologists and who completed a CAAHEP (Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs) accredited program may be given additional admission consideration. You will have an opportunity to upload a copy of your certificate in the SHP CAS application.

## Steps for Admission

1. Apply for admission to CCBC at <http://www.cbcemd.edu/apply>
2. Participate in assessment testing, if necessary.
3. Complete prerequisite courses as necessary.
4. Once you have your CCBC Student ID number, log into <https://shp.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> and apply to the **CCBC SHP RESPIRATORY CARE** program by the application deadline. The **non-refundable** \$50 application fee is due at time of submission.
5. It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that all documents have been received or uploaded into the SHP CAS by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

6. Applicants will receive an **email** inviting them to complete the **CCBC SHP Supplemental application** once their program SHP CAS application has been verified. Instructions will be in the email.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts from ALL US colleges and universities attended by the applicant are required to be submitted to the SHP CAS and to the CCBC Registrar. Official AP and CLEP scores should be sent directly to the CCBC Registrar/Office of Enrollment Services. The unofficial score report of AP or CLEP, may be sent directly to the School of Health Professions Admissions office. Do not send AP or CLEP scores to the SHP CAS.

Please read these instructions carefully. Transcripts should be sent to the SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center and to CCBC, 4 to 6 weeks prior to the application deadline. If the program that you are applying only requires an unofficial transcript sent to the SHP CAS, you must still submit Official Transcripts to CCBC for transfer of credit.

### How to Send Transcripts to the SHP CAS

1. Enter your colleges or universities in the **Colleges Attended** section of the application before requesting any transcripts.
2. Click **ORDER** under each school you have listed.
3. You may choose to send the transcript electronically (recommended) or as a paper copy through the US Postal System. You only need to submit one transcript from each school regardless of the number of programs you are applying.
  - To Send an Electronic Transcript
    1. Choose one of the e-transcript services listed. CCBC uses Parchment. Search for the school that you attended. Complete the prompts to make an account. You will be asked where you would like the credential/transcript sent, type SHP CAS into the search bar.
    2. You will then be asked for the Application ID, this number is found in the ‘Order Your Official Transcript’ screen in the SHP CAS application, in Step 3. Copy and paste the number in the space on the e-transcript service page.
    3. Complete the form request by signing and paying for the transcript. You will receive a receipt that the transcript has been ordered.
  - To Send a Paper Copy Using the US Postal Service
    1. You can use the mail system to send paper copies of your Official Transcript. Click on the word ‘Order’, chose Option 2: Order a Mailed Paper Transcript. Click ‘Download Transcript ID Form’ and print the form. Contact the Registrar at each institution you attended and request one official transcript be sent to SHP CAS.
    2. Provide the Registrar with the following items:

- a. SHP CAS Transcript ID Form. Ask the Registrar to attach it to your official transcripts. This form is not required, but strongly recommended as it helps ensure your official transcripts are properly matched to your application. If you cannot use this form, make sure the registrar prints "SHP CAS" and your full SHP CAS ID number on the transcript before mailing it.
- b. Give the Registrar this mailing address:  
SHP CAS Transcript Processing Center  
PO Box 9134  
Watertown, MA 02471

#### How to Send Transcripts to the CCBC Registrar

Use this link to send your transcripts from all colleges attended, except CCBC, to CCBC Enrollment Services: <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Get-Started/Take-classes/Take-a-credit-class/Transfer-to-CCBC-from-another-college.aspx>. Evaluation of your application will be delayed if you do not submit transcripts to the CCBC Registrar's Office.

#### How to Send CLEP, AP and/or International College Transcript Evaluations

Send Official scores and evaluation directly to the CCBC Registrar office using this link, <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Get-Started/Take-classes/Take-a-credit-class/Transfer-to-CCBC-from-another-college.aspx>. Unofficial copies can be sent to the SHP Admission Office at, [shpseat@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:shpseat@ccbcmd.edu).

#### How to Verify that Transcripts are Received

Applicants are responsible for checking to see that the official transcripts have been received at the required locations (SHP CAS AND CCBC)

1. SHP CAS - log into your CAS applications and select the Check Status tab in the upper right corner. All expected transcripts will be listed and it will be noted if the transcript has been received or not. Contact the SHP CAS directly by clicking on the blue question mark at the top of the application if you have questions about your transcript.
2. CCBC Enrollment Services – Log into your CCBC SIMON account to determine if your transcripts have been received and to review any transfer of credits. You can contact [transfereval@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:transfereval@ccbcmd.edu) if you have a question about courses that may or may not have been transferred into CCBC.

## Admission Response

The most highly qualified candidates will be contacted by email to schedule an interview. Interviews are by invitation only.

Admissions decisions are emailed to students approximately 6 to 8 weeks after the application deadline.

## Program Expenses

1. Current tuition and fees, which are subject to change.
  - Tuition (\$122 per credit hour)
  - General Services Fee (\$21 per credit hour)
  - Technology Fee (\$15 per billable hour)
  - Registration Fee (\$55 per semester)
  - Capital Fee (\$20 per semester)
  - Activity Fee (\$48 maximum per semester)
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2. Purchase the following items in addition to tuition and fees. Prices are subject to change.
  - Books \$700.00
  - Lab Bag \$250.00
  - Stethoscope \$100.00
  - Castle Branch: Document storage, drug testing and background check \$96.50
  - Uniforms \$102.00 (2 shirts with program logo, 2 scrub pants, 1 lab coat with program logo)
  - Secured Self-Assessment Exams \$120.00
  - Kettering Review-for national board exam \$385.00
  - Graduation fee \$75.00
  - Conference Registration-for state professional conference \$85.00
  - Student Membership American Association for Respiratory Care \$25.00
3. Class Schedule for Fall Semester 1<sup>st</sup> Year

**RESP 102:** Basic Respiratory Care -4 credits=3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of lab each week.

Monday and Wednesday      Lecture              1:10 -2:40 pm              ECHP 211

Tuesday or Thursday      Lab                      9 am – 12 pm              ECHP 249

(Lab group assignment will be created once all seats are accepted by candidates.)

## Post Admission

Applicants should be aware that the following items will be required to progress in the clinical/practicum components of the program. Further information will be provided by the program director.

- Provide proof of current CPR certification at the Healthcare Provider Level (BLS). If you need information about CPR courses, (<https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-andkits/healthcare-professional/basic-life-support-bls-training>)
- Proof of a recent physical examination with current immunizations, including COVID -19

- Proof of current health insurance,
- Criminal background investigation, and
- Drug screening.

## Important Information

- The minimum passing score for any respiratory course, RESP, is 75.0%
- Applicants who have been granted an interview two times and have not been accepted into the program are no longer eligible for admission.
- Applicants who have failed out of another respiratory program (D or F grades) are not eligible to apply for admission to the CCBC Respiratory Care Therapy Program for a period of 5 years, counting from the semester of the failure.
- Students are not eligible for admission if they have a D or F grade in any pre-requisites. Even if the student is in progress with the course, they must wait until the failing grade is replaced before applying to the program.

## Who to Contact

**Academic Advising** – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Please ask to speak with a **Health and Science Pathways Advisor** only. For the Catonsville campus call 443840-4382 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. For the Essex campus call 443-8401973 or visit the Student Services Center room 120A. For the Dundalk campus, call 443-8403816 or visit the Student Services Center room 102. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-AcademicAdvisor.aspx>.

**School of Health Professions Office of Admissions** at 443-840-1989 or email [shpseat@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:shpseat@ccbcmd.edu)

# Essential Functions

*DIRECT PATIENT CARE/CONTACT required during clinical rotations.*

## I. Physical Requirements:

### A. Sufficient strength and mobility to:

- Moves large and heavy pieces of equipment i.e. ventilators, beds long distances throughout a facility
- Lift and/or roll and/or pull up and/or transfer a patient
- Walk long distances throughout a facility and stand for prolonged periods (up to 12 hours)
- Move quickly among different areas in the facility to complete a workload or respond to an emergency.
- Perform CPR and respond immediately to emergency situations.

### B. Adequate vision to:

- Read labels, instrument control panels, computer screens, and print-outs

### C. Sufficient hearing to:

- Assess and distinguish breath sounds under noisy conditions.
- Respond phone calls, beepers, and alarms under noisy conditions.
- Respond to questions from patients and other health care providers under noisy conditions.
- Receive directions under noisy conditions.

## II. Interpersonal Skills:

The ability to:

- Work in a professional manner with patients of all ages, races, creeds, and physical condition while maintaining and respecting patient confidentiality.
- Interact with other members of the health care team in a polite, professional manner.
- Communicate and receive written and verbal instructions and accurately carry them out using proper channels of communication.
- Use accurate verbal and written communications in English to interpret laboratory data, obtain and document relevant clinical information, comprehend and carry out physician requests, and provide patient/public education related to the profession of medical technology.



III. Intellectual Ability and Emotional Stability to:

- Exercise independent judgment in making decisions for patient care and avoid distraction in the technical performance of respiratory therapy procedures.
- Work under time constraints.
- Work calmly and efficiently in stressful situations.
- Recognize emergency situations and take appropriate actions.
- Complete program requirements.