

Respiratory Care

University of Kansas

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Program Description

The Associate of Arts, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree-requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

Admission Requirements

- The applicant should have a 2.5 GPA with no grades lower than "C" and have completed a combination of at least 60 prerequisite and elective credit hours before admission to the program. A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; the last 30 hours of course work must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- **A total of 120 credit hours are required for a bachelor's degree.**
- **Applicants must complete the online Advising Worksheet (<https://form.jotform.com/250125920498054/>) prior to completing an application. This will put them in touch with an advisor with the KU Respiratory Care Program.**
- Application to enter KU's Respiratory Care Program should be made as soon as the student decides to enter the program. Applicant must submit an application (<http://gograd.ku.edu/apply/>) to the program. Class size is limited to 24 (on campus only). The priority deadline to apply is February 1st. Applications may be accepted after the deadline based on space available in the next class.
- As part of the online application, the applicant will submit a brief (2-3 paragraphs) personal statement of reasons why they wish to enter the KU Respiratory Care Program. The statement should include future plans, desired employment, career goals, etc.
- Applicants must complete RESP 200 Introduction to Respiratory Care before beginning the program. Applicants transferring from an outside institution can enroll in the course directly through KUMC. Applicants must submit an application (<http://gograd.ku.edu/apply/>) to the program. After creating a login/profile and completing the first 4 pages of the application, students will need to select **Respiratory Care Non-Degree Seeking** on page 5 of the application. Any questions should be directed to KUMC Respiratory Care (respiratory@kumc.edu) for more information.
- Two professional references are required on the online application. College instructors are preferred, but a reference could be an advisor, supervisor, employer or other person familiar with the applicant's work and character. The recommendations may not be obtained from family members, friends, etc.
- Applicants must arrange to have one official copy of each transcript from every college and university attended sent directly to the program.
- All courses listed on this sheet must be completed before admittance to the KUMC Respiratory Care Program.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Prerequisite classes for the Respiratory Care program

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Basic Sciences					
BIOL 140	Human Anatomy +	4	BIOL 240 Fundamentals of Human Anatomy AND BIOL 241 Human Anatomy Observation Lab		
BIOL 225	Human Physiology* +	4	BIOL 246 & BIOL 247	Principles of Human Physiology and Prin of Human Physiology Lab	5
BIOL 230 & BIOL 231	Microbiology* and Microbiology Lab* +	3	BIOL 200 & BIOL 203	Basic Microbiology and Introductory Microbiology Lab	5
Select one of the following:					
CHEM 120	Chemistry in Society*	4	CHEM 110	Introductory Chemistry	5
CHEM 122	Principles of Chemistry*	5	CHEM 110	Introductory Chemistry	5
PHYS 130	College Physics I* %	5	PHSX 114	College Physics I	4
Mathematics					
MATH 171	College Algebra*	3	MATH 101	College Algebra	3
MATH 201	Statistics*	3	MATH 365	Elementary Statistics	3
English					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3
Oral Communication					
COMS 121	Public Speaking	3	COMS 130 Public Speaking		
Humanities					
Select one of the following:					
PHIL 121	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PHIL 140 Introduction to Philosophy		
PHIL 143	Ethics	3	PHIL 160	Introduction to Ethics	3
Social Sciences					
PSYC 130	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 104	General Psychology	3
SOC 122	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 104	Elements of Sociology	3
Health Professions (required for on-campus students)					
HC 130	Medical Terminology for Healthcare Professions (required for on-campus students)	3	HEIM 230	Medical Terminology	3

Additional Humanities Requirement: One Humanities Elective (3 hours). Visit JCCC Humanities, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree requirements/associate-arts/>) for course options.

- * JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.
 - + Lab preferred.
 - ^ For online students with an RRT credential or an associate degree, Statistics is NOT required.
 - # MATH 365 is preferred but KU will also accept MATH 104, 105, 115, 125, 145.
 - % For online students with an RRT credential or an associate degree, Physics is NOT required.
 - § Students having completed a single combined anatomy and physiology course will need to complete either a second, higher-level anatomy and physiology course or otherwise take a separate course in physiology only.
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