Applying to a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care Program (BSRc)

**UT Health San Antonio Application Information**

UTSA does not offer a respiratory care program. Students are encouraged to complete their pre-requisites and then apply to the respiratory care program of their choice. UTHSA’s respiratory care program information is listed below.

To apply:
- Students must complete at least 60 hours of coursework, with a minimum grade of ‘C’ (including Texas core curriculum) to matriculate to the respiratory care program.
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Two letters of recommendation are required
- Students must complete the Allied Health Centralized Application System (AHCAS)
- Test scores are not required as part of the admissions process

Below is the timeline students often follow when applying to the respiratory care program:

The deadline to apply to the respiratory care program at UTHSA is June 15, 2018.
Qualified students will be invited for interviews.
More information about UTHSA’s respiratory care programs can be found on their webpage: [http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/health-professions/programs/bachelor-respiratory-care](http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/health-professions/programs/bachelor-respiratory-care).

**Respiratory Care Pre-requisites**

Requirements vary, please refer to the admission website for your school of interest for specific prerequisite information. You may also contact the University Health Professions Office to discuss which UTSA courses fulfill respiratory care prerequisites.

**Health Professions Advising**

Newly-admitted UTSA students are assigned an advisor based on their major. For respiratory care students, who are often undeclared, advising takes place in Student Placement Advising Center. However, as students completing pre-requisites and not pursuing a degree at UTSA, they are encouraged to meet with a Health Professions Advisor as early as possible to ensure proper respiratory care pre-requisites are completed.

When to meet with a Health Professions Advisor:
- Orientation
- At least once per academic year to discuss pre-requisites and current competitiveness for respiratory care programs
- One semester prior to applying for a respiratory care program

What to expect from an advising meeting: Discussion of GPA competitiveness, application timeline, and Health Professions Pathways.

**Helpful Resources**

- There are five Bachelor’s programs for Respiratory Care in Texas. Information about the schools can be found here: [http://www.texashotjobs.org/default.htm](http://www.texashotjobs.org/default.htm).

- For students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in another subject, information is available about a Master of Science in Respiratory Care: [http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/health-professions/programs/master-respiratory-care](http://www.uthscsa.edu/academics/health-professions/programs/master-respiratory-care).

- The American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) has detailed information about career opportunities and important information for students pursuing respiratory care on their website: [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org).

- [Explorehealthcareers.org](http://www.explorehealthcareers.org) has extensive information about working conditions, academic requirements and salaries for respiratory therapists.

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