

JACKSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM ADMISSION APPLICATION
Application Deadline: June 1

Please Print in Black or Blue Ink. The contact information you provide below is what we will use to communicate with you.

Name _____ Other Name(s) on Transcripts _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Email Address (that you check frequently) _____ @ _____

JSCC Student ID Number: J _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Educational Information Applicants **MUST** include unofficial copies of ALL college transcripts **OR** copies of high school transcripts/ACT scores for your application to be considered.

Are you currently attending JSCC? Yes _____ No _____ If no, you must complete all college admissions requirements. Apply online at [JSCC online admission application](#).

Have you ever applied to the JSCC Respiratory Care program before? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what year? _____

High School History:

Have you graduated from high school? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, graduation year _____

School Name _____ City _____ State _____

If no, date you earned GED/HiSet _____

For applicants who are recent high school graduates, please submit a copy of ACT scores with the application.

College History:

You are required to list all colleges/universities you have attended with dates of enrollment. Include JSCC and any college credits earned while still in high school.

College _____ Dates Attended: _____

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Background Information

Medical Experience: Please document any previous medical experience either employment in a healthcare facility, or observation/job shadowing in a respiratory care department.

Facility _____ Position _____

City/State _____ Dates _____ to _____

Students accepted into the program will be required by affiliate clinical education centers to submit to drug testing and/or criminal background checks (at the student's expense) prior to the clinical portion of the program. Findings or results may interfere with student clinical placement, which could result in a student's inability to complete a course and subsequent dismissal from the program.

An affirmative response to the following questions will not necessarily be a bar to admission to the program. Students with a "yes" answer to this question are advised to consult with the Respiratory Care licensing board (1-800-778-4123) regarding their licensing eligibility.

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation? Yes ___ No ___

Are you now or have you ever been licensed/credentialed in a health care discipline? Yes ___ No ___

Has your license/credential in a health care discipline ever been suspended, revoked, or put on probation? Yes ___ No ___

If you answer yes to any of these questions, please attach an explanation of your answer. If currently licensed, please give healthcare discipline, license number, and state.

Acknowledgment:

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that falsifying or withholding information will lead to invalidation of my application and/or dismissal from the Respiratory Care program. Sign below verifying that you understand this statement.

Signature _____ Date _____

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Respiratory Care Program complies with all Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. Jackson State does not discriminate based on disability in admission and access to academic programs, services or employment. Students with any diagnosed disabilities will be provided reasonable and necessary academic accommodations if they are determined eligible by the college's Disability Resource Center (DRC) staff. The instructor must receive a "Special Accommodations Agreement Form" signed by the DRC staff before granting disability related accommodations.

It is the student's responsibility to initiate contact with the DRC and follow established procedures to be allowed accommodations by the instructor. All information about a student's actual disability(ies) is kept confidential.

The DRC is located in the Student Center, Room 147. Please contact the Dean of Students, Linda Nickell, at 731-424-3520 x50354 or at lnickell@jsc.edu. Information also is available on the JSCC website at [hyperlink for Disabled Student Services](#).

In keeping with the accreditation standards outlined by CoARC, all students must possess the physical and emotional abilities required of a respiratory therapist. These abilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Physical strength necessary to carry common objects, push or move common equipment, move and reposition patients in bed, perform CPR, etc.
 - a. The student must be able to meet the physical demands of an eight/twelve-hour clinical shift.
2. Bilateral manual dexterity required to assemble common equipment, perform skills such as intubation, arterial puncture, and assure cleanliness of all equipment used in providing respiratory care.
3. Possess visual, auditory, and tactile sensory skills.
 - a. Auditory ability to hear alarms, listen to breath sounds, measure blood pressure, etc.
 - b. Visual acuity necessary to differentiate colored alarms, read information from various types of electronic monitors, record data onto electronic and print media, etc.
 - c. Tactile sensory skills to conduct patient assessment.
 - d. Visual and reading skills to enable review of existing patient data in the patient medical chart.
4. Verbal abilities to effectively communicate necessary information to others.
 - a. Possess communication skills necessary to conduct patient interviews and explain planned therapy to the patient.
 - b. Possess verbal and written skills to communicate information to appropriate members of the healthcare team.

- c. Possess a command of the English language necessary to effectively communicate verbally and in writing with patients, families and other health care workers. An English proficiency test may be required of those who use English as a second language.
5. Perform the duties of a respiratory therapist under the stress of medical emergencies, death and dying, natural disasters, etc.
 - a. The student must be able to initiate, conduct, or modify respiratory care techniques in an emergency setting.
 - b. The student must be able to make accurate observations, perceive events realistically, and think clearly, objectively and rationally.
 6. Due to limited physical space in some clinical practice areas, the student must be able to fit into small spaces (such as between the patient's bed and the equipment).

CLINICAL EDUCATION AFFILIATES

Respiratory Care students are assigned to clinical practice at all of the following clinical sites.

Jackson-Madison County General Hospital
West TN Healthcare - Dyersburg
Baptist Memorial Hospital – Union City
Baptist Memorial Hospital - Huntingdon
Henry County Medical Center - Paris

If you were previously employed at any of these facilities and were dismissed for any reason, you are not eligible for clinical placement in that facility. The clinical affiliate has the right to refuse student placement in their facility. This can affect your ability to complete the clinical component of the curriculum, which may lead to program dismissal.

If you are not eligible for rehire at any of the facilities listed above, you must notify the program director or the director of clinical education immediately. Failure to notify program faculty will result in program dismissal if admitted to the program.

Application Checklist

Please use this form to ensure you have met all of the program admission requirements. Initial each blank to indicate completion and understanding of each of the following requirements. Use this as a reference so that all items required are completed or included with your program application when submitted. I have:

1. _____ submitted my JSCC admissions application for the fall term to JSCC Admissions and Records Office. (Note: Write N/A if you are currently enrolled at JSCC.)
2. _____ confirmed all my college transcripts from regionally accredited institutions have been received by JSCC Admissions and Records Office; including the most recent semesters attended (Note: Write N/A if you have never enrolled in a college course.)
3. _____ confirmed that if I enrolled in college courses while in high school, my official college transcripts have been received by JSCC Admissions and Records Office.
4. _____ completed all learning support requirements in reading, math, and writing, or I have verified that I am eligible to enroll in any of the required General Education courses listed in the program curriculum without any learning support co-requisite course requirements.
5. _____ understand that BIOL 2010 & BIOL 2020 must be dated on my transcript spring 2015 or later. I understand that the General Education courses required for the respiratory care program must have been completed with at least a "C" grade.
6. _____ attached an unofficial copy of all college transcript, including my JSCC transcript, to this application. (Note: Include a copy of ACT scores if a 2020 high school graduate.)
7. _____ I understand that my college cumulate (overall) GPA will be calculated using all undergraduate courses taken at all institutions, not just at JSCC, and it must be at least a 2.50 to be considered for admission.
8. _____ I understand that beginning fall 2020 every respiratory care course (RESP) will have a \$25 Health Sciences Fee per credit hour added to tuition and fees every semester. This fee is added to all health sciences programs. The Health Sciences Fee is not covered by TN Promise or TN Reconnect; however, it is covered by Pell, Lottery, and other financial aid.

Please read and sign the following statement: I verify that I have read and understand all of the information as outlined above.

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail all materials to: Jackson State Community College, ATTN: Health Sciences Department c/o Respiratory Care Program, 2046 North Parkway, Jackson, TN 38301-3797; or deliver in person to the Health Sciences Department or Respiratory Care Program faculty/director.