



Respiratory Care, BS



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-pulmonary resuscitation, and management of artificial airways. They are employed in hospitals, extended care facilities, clinics, rehabilitation centers, physicians' offices, educational programs, and home care services, as well as national and international medical device companies. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states: "Employment of respiratory therapists is projected to grow 23 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth in middle-aged and elderly populations will lead to an increased incidence of respiratory issues like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and pneumonia."



All Respiratory Care majors are encouraged to become members of the IUP Respiratory Care Club. Student members may participate in fundraising and volunteer activities that provide them experiences that will improve their resume, socialization, and ability to learn more about the clinical phase at IUP Pittsburgh East, housing and navigating clinical requirements. Past experiences have included events like a meet and greet and sponsorship of an on-campus Blood drive. In addition, students are encouraged to join the American Association for Respiratory Care which offers student memberships, with many helpful benefits and valuable discounts.



Experiential learning is an important aspect of education. Students enter the clinical phase of the program at IUP Pittsburgh East for their junior and senior years. Clinical courses provide the opportunity for supervised clinical experience in a variety of world class health care settings across all patient age groups, and venue types throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. In addition, several students have qualified for RESP 493 RC internship, a 1 credit elective



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Students are expected to earn a GPA of at least 2.25 in the required Natural Sciences and Mathematics courses (includes "C" or higher grades in BIOL 150 and BIOL 240), and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 to be considered for Fall semester admission into the clinical years in respiratory care. However, since admission to the clinical phase is competitive, IUP cannot guarantee progression. Prior to graduation, Respiratory Care majors must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required RESP (RESP 300 level and 400 level) courses to progress. A grade of "D" in a RESP course may hinder progression to the next level of required courses when the overall GPA is below 2.0.