

PROGRAM	
Respiratory Therapy, Associate in Applied Science	
CONTACT	
Ty Ronda Pettigrew, Associate Professor/ Program Director, Respiratory Therapy	
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12/4/2025	
CREDIT HOURS	FORMAT
74	Seated (not online)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE NOTES
<p>49 states regulate respiratory care practice, and they all recognize NBRC credentials as the standards for licensure, forming the basis for reciprocity and enabling credentialed practitioners to relocate from one state to another with ease.</p> <p>Some states require that a particular body accredit the academic program. Examples of licensure application requirements (among others) may include submission of an official college transcript, a Social Security number, and a photo ID, driver's license, or passport. Some states require criminal background checks and fingerprinting. Final determination of individual state requirements for licensure or registry can only be confirmed by that state's governing body.</p> <p><b>North Carolina</b> requires a Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) license from the North Carolina Respiratory Care Board. Applicants must have completed an accredited program and passed the entry-level examination from the National Board of Respiratory Care.</p> <p><b>Sandhills Community College Respiratory Therapy</b> program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Graduates of Sandhills' program may be eligible to take entry-level examinations from the National Board of Respiratory Care. Graduates are also eligible for the Advanced Practitioner examination for a maximum of three years after passing the entry-level examination.</p> <p>To easily find professional registry and licensure requirements in other states, visit <a href="https://www.nbrc.org/resources/#state-licensing">https://www.nbrc.org/resources/#state-licensing</a></p>

STATE	MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DOES NOT MEETS EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
Alabama	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Alaska	X		Profession not regulated
American Samoa		X	Information not available
Arizona	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Arkansas	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
California	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Colorado	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Connecticut	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Delaware	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Florida	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Georgia	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Guam		X	Information not available
Hawaii	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Idaho	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Illinois	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Indiana	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Iowa	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Kansas	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Kentucky	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Louisiana	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Maine	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Maryland	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Massachusetts	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Michigan	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Minnesota	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Mississippi	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Missouri	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Montana	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Nebraska	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Nevada	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
New Hampshire	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
New Jersey	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
New Mexico	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
New York	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
North Carolina	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
North Dakota	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Northern Mariana Islands		X	Information not available
Ohio	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Oklahoma	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Oregon	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Pennsylvania	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Puerto Rico		X	Information not available
Rhode Island	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
South Carolina	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
South Dakota	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Tennessee	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Texas	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
US Virgin Islands		X	Information not available
Utah	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Vermont	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Virginia	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
Washington	X		Accepts NBRC credentials
West Virginia	X		Accepts NBRC credentials

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Wyoming	X		Accepts NBRC credentials



