



**Department of Cardio-Respiratory & Health Information
College of Health Sciences
3500 John A. Merritt Boulevard – Box 9527
Nashville, Tennessee 37209-1561
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Dear Prospective Student:

I am pleased that you are interested in the Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program at Tennessee State University. Respiratory Care is an excellent health profession with numerous job opportunities throughout the U.S.

Enclosed you will find information about the CRCS Bachelor of Science program. Please go to <http://students.tnstate.edu/admissions/apply-admissions> to complete the university application. After acceptance to TSU, you may complete the enclosed program application and send it to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program, Tennessee State University, Box 9527, Nashville, TN 37209. In addition, please ask two of your faculty members to complete the enclosed recommendation forms and have them send the form directly to the CRCS Program address.

Admission is selective and qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The deadline is June 30, 2014 for selection for fall semester 2014. Please review the CRCS application checklist for instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (615) 963-7420 or e-mail: chamilt5@tnstate.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine A. Hamilton".

Christine A. Hamilton, DHSc, RRT
Program Director
Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program
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Email: chamilt5@tnstate.edu

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



DEPARTMENT OF CARDIO-RESPIRATORY CARE SCIENCES

College of Health Sciences
Tennessee State University

Name: _____

Date: _____

**Application for Admission
to the
Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program
College of Health Sciences
Tennessee State University
3500 John Merritt Blvd., Box 9527, Nashville, TN 37209-1561**

INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit the following application materials for consideration for admission to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Science Program.

- **Application for admission to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Science Program (application should be received January 1st through June 30th (Fall Semester)**

NOTE: *Admission to Tennessee State University is a separate application and process must be completed before being considered for admission to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Science Program. The Office of Admissions and Records will notify you of your acceptance into the University.*

- **One official copy of transcripts from all postsecondary education institutions attended.**

NOTE: *You will need to request a total of two official copies of your transcripts from each institution attended - one copy must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and one copy must be submitted to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program. Students currently enrolled at TSU do not have to request a TSU transcript.*

- **Prerequisite Course Worksheet (follow instructions on form)**
- **Two (2) letters of Recommendation from persons (non-family members) who know the applicant's character and suitability for working in a health-care profession (forms must be sent directly by the evaluator; recommendations sent by the applicant will not be accepted).**

Call the Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program at (615) 963-7431 for an appointment.

Information: You may contact the following departments for specific information regarding:

TSU Admission Application	Office of Admissions	(615) 963-5101
Scholarship & Grants	Office of Financial Aid	(615) 963-5701
Minority Scholarships	Office of Financial Aid	(615) 963-5640

Mail may be directed separately to each of the above offices at the following address:

**(Name of Department/Office)
Tennessee State University
3500 John Merritt Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37209-1561**

It is essential that applicants read the Department of Cardio-Respiratory Care brochure before completing this Application for Admission form.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY CARE SCIENCES PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

3500 John Merritt Blvd. Box 9527, Nashville, TN 37209

(615) 963-7431

NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (MI) (Maiden Name)

DATE OF BIRTH: ___/___/___ SEX: Male ___ Female ___ VETERAN: Yes ___ No ___ T #: _____

CHECK ONE: Asian ___ American Indian ___ Hispanic ___ African American ___ Caucasian/White ___ Other ___

Permanent Address	Local Address
Permanent Telephone #	Local Telephone #
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MARITAL STATUS: Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & TELEPHONE #: _____

PARENT'S NAME: _____

Address & Telephone (if different from yours): _____

LIST HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED:

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR GRADUATED

CARDIO-RESPIRATORY CARE SCIENCE OR HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE(S):

NAME AND LOCATION	DATE(S) EMPLOYED

LIST ALL PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS HELD:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CREDENTIAL EARNED	YEARS EARNED

LIST TWO REFERENCES WITH ADDRESS:

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Relationship:	Relationship:

Write an autobiographical sketch and include a discussion of your interests; relate what led you to choose a career in Cardio-Respiratory Care; and state your future intentions once you have completed the program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

For Office Use Only:

Approved by:	Reason:
Rejected by:	Date of Decision:

Checklist for Tennessee State University's Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program Application

- Apply for Admission to Tennessee State University at <http://students.tnstate.edu/>
- After acceptance to TSU, send in the CRCS Program application with the TSU ID # (the T#)
- Request 2 of your instructors to complete the enclosed reference form; they will send it directly to the CRCS Program
- If you are contacted for an interview, please do the following:
 - Dress in business attire for the interview
 - If you have taken the ACT or SAT, please bring a copy of the test score with you to the interview
 - Arrive early at the CRCS Program office in the Jackson Industrial Arts building, third floor, room 328.
 - Plan on ½ hour for completing the interview.
- Deadline is June 30th for all application materials to be received by the CRCS Program

Any questions, please contact Dr. Chris Hamilton 615-963-7420, or Mr. Rick Speitel at 615-963-1240.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program prepares Respiratory Therapists to administer treatments and medications, perform diagnostic procedures, and manage sophisticated life-support equipment. Therapists may work in intensive care units with patients ranging from premature infants to adults, as members of the CPR team, or as clinical support specialists who provide breathing treatments to those with COPD or asthma. Although the majority of respiratory care practitioners are employed by hospitals, opportunities to practice in other settings are increasingly available. More information about the profession can be found through the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC), the national organization of the profession, at www.aarc.org/career.

WHY CARDIO-RESPIRATORY THERAPY?

- To have job stability
- To help people in their time of need
- To enjoy working with technology
- To have a 3-day work week
- To have a salary comparable with other health occupations.



TSU-10-0030 (A)-3-13600

WHY TSU'S CARDIO-RESPIRATORY PROGRAM?

Tennessee State University offers a diverse student and faculty population on a beautiful campus. The Cardio - Respiratory Care Sciences Program features a small class size that provides a great student teacher interaction. TSU offers the only Bachelor degree program in Respiratory Care Sciences in middle Tennessee. This program also offers a variety of clinical settings and clinical experiences for students to practice which includes specialties in critical care, neonatal or pediatric care, and pulmonary rehabilitation.

CREDENTIALING EXAM INFORMATION

The goal of the Bachelor of Science program is to prepare students to become a Registered Respiratory Therapist by passing the National Board for Respiratory Care examinations and to prepare students to become competent to perform the daily functions of Respiratory Therapists. After graduation, students can take the entry-level examination (leading to the Certified Respiratory Therapist credential). Immediately after passing the CRT, students can take the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) Exams. These are national examinations; each state may use these exams as part of the criteria to be licensed to practice.

JOB MARKET

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job opportunities are expected to grow faster than the national average with a 28% projected growth from 2010 to 2020.

The growth in the demand will increase from the expanding role of Respiratory Therapists in case management, disease prevention, emergency care and the early detection of pulmonary disorders.

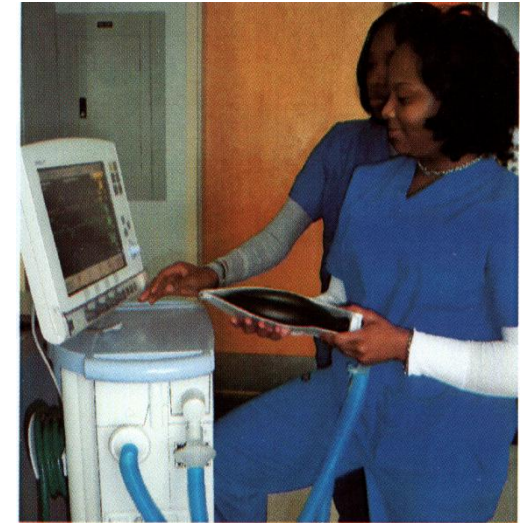
The average salary of Registered Respiratory Therapists is over \$62,000 per year (employment survey by AARC).

ACCREDITATION

The Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Successful graduates of the program receive a BS in Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences and are eligible to take the national board examinations. (www.coarc.com)



WWW.TNSTATE.EDU/CARDIO



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completion of the first two years of pre-professional curriculum with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).

Completion of supporting pre-professional science and math courses with a grade of "C" or better.

Students should have taken either the ACT or the SAT exam.

Two letters of recommendation from past instructors.

An interview with the admissions and retention committee or its designee.

Admission to the program is competitive. Completion of Minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. Also, admission into the pre-professional phase (Freshman and Sophomore years) of the program does not ensure acceptance into the professional phase (Junior and Senior years).

Prospective students with a Bachelor of Science may be admitted to the program if they meet the admission requirements.

Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Department
School of Allied Health Professions
Tennessee State University
3500 John A. Merritt Blvd
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FACULTY EVALUATION OF STUDENT

Return to: Committee on Admission
 Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences
 Tennessee State University,
 3500 John Merritt Blvd
 Nashville, Tennessee 37209

Note: This form is to be transmitted by the faculty member, not by the student

This is a request for your confidential appraisal of _____,
(Type or print name here)

who is an applicant to Cardio-Respiratory Care Science Department at Tennessee State University. Your statements will be heavily weighed in our evaluation of the applicant.

Applicant's class standing ____ top third ____ middle third ____ bottom third
Applicant's class rank is ____ out of ____ students.

1. In what capacity have you been associated with the applicant?

A. ____ Instructor ____ Laboratory ____ other

 Please specify course(s) _____

B. ____ Academic Advising

C. ____ Socially

D. ____ Other (please specify)

2. How well do you know the applicant?

A. ____ Very well B. ____ Fairly well C. ____ Slightly

3. Please circle the appropriate number indicating to what degree the applicant possesses each of the characteristics and abilities listed below.

OVERALL ACADEMIC STRENGTH	1	2	3	4	5	0
	Poor		Average		Superior	Unknown

COMPREHENSION	1	2	3	4	5	0
	Poor		Average		Superior	Unknown

RETENTION	1	2	3	4	5	0
	Poor		Average		Superior	Unknown

APPLIES KNOWLEDGE	1	2	3	4	5	0
	Poor		Average		Superior	Unknown

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FACULTY EVALUATION OF STUDENT *Continued*

UNDERSTANDS ABSTRACT IDEAS	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
COMMUNICATION SKILLS	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
RESOURCEFULNESS	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
REACTS CONSTRUCTIVELY TO CRITICISM	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
JUDGMENT	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
SELF-CONFIDENCE	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
MATURITY	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
RELIABILITY & HONESTY	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
PERSEVERANCE	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
EMOTIONAL STABILITY	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown

4. What would be your attitude toward having this applicant in a responsible position under your direction?

_____ Strongly Recommended _____ Recommended _____ Not recommended

5. Your additional observations are welcome. Comments regarding the applicant's ability and motivation for the study of Allied Health Sciences, especially decision making and patient caring in Cardio-Respiratory Care.

_____ Date

_____ Signature and Title

College of Health Sciences
Tennessee State University
Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences
Program of Study - Degree Requirements

Student: _____	SSN: <u>on file</u>	DOB: <u>on file</u>
Local address: _____	Student ID #: _____	
Permanent address: _____	Local Telephone Number: _____	Race: _____
	Perm. Telephone Number: _____	
Year Entered TSU: _____	E-mail Address: _____	Sex: _____
Catalog Option (if different from year entered): _____	Degree Sought: <u>B.S.</u>	
Semester/Year Entered CRCS Department: _____	Entering GPA: _____	ACT/SAT: _____
Transfer Credits from University:		
(1) _____	(2) _____	
(3) _____	(4) _____	

General Education Requirements					
	Cr. Hr.	Grade	Sem	Year	Instit
ORIENTATION (1 Hour)					
UNIV 1000	1.0				
ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6 Hours)					
ENGL 1010	3.0				
ENGL 1020	3.0				
COMMUNICATION (3 Hours)					
COMM 2200	3.0				
ENGLISH LITERATURE (3 Hours)					
ENGL 2110-2220	3.0				
HUMANITIES (6 Hours)					
ART 1010	3.0				
MUSIC 1010	3.0				
PHIL 1030	3.0				
RELS 2010	3.0				
THTR 1020	3.0				
SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6 Hours)					
PSYC 2010	3.0				
SOCI 2010	3.0				
History (6 Hours)					
HIST 2010	3.0				
HIST 2020	3.0				
NATURAL SCIENCES (8 Hours)					
BIOL 2210/2211	4.0				
BIOL 2220/2221	4.0				
MATHEMATICS (3 Hours)					
MATH 1110	3.0				

Departmental Requirements					
	Cr. Hr.	Grade	Sem	Year	Instit
SCIENCES (8 Hours)					
BIOL 2400/2401	4.0				
CHEM 1110/1111	4.0				
Fall 1					
CRCS 1000	2.0				
CRCS 2014	2.0				
CRCS 2030	3.0				
CRCS 2031	1.0				
CRCS 2110	3.0				
CRCS 3010	3.0				
CRCS 3011	1.0				
Spring 1					
CRCS 2044	4.0				
CRCS 2120	3.0				
CRCS 2320	3.0				
CRCS 3015	3.0				
CRCS 3151	1.0				
CRCS 3020	3.0				
CRCS 3021	1.0				
Summer 1					
CRCS 3040	3.0				
CRCS 3050	2.0				
CRCS 3016	2.0				
CRCS 3161	1.0				
Fall 2					
CRCS 3110	2.0				
CRCS 3120	1.0				
CRCS 3024	4.0				
CRCS 3030	3.0				
CRCS 4264	3.0				
CRCS 4320	3.0				
Spring 2					
CRCS 3224	4.0				
CRCS 4224	3.0				
CRCS 4410	3.0				
CRCS 4500	3.0				