



## **Career Opportunities and Salaries**

An unprecedented demand for respiratory therapists exists today throughout the United States. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national demand for respiratory therapists is increasing; the job growth through 2022 is projected to be 20 percent faster than average.

Since 1990, 100 percent of the University of Mary/CHI St. Alexius Health respiratory therapy graduates have found jobs either before or immediately upon graduation. Many soon move into leadership positions.

Salaries vary with geographical regions in the United States. Sign-on bonuses and paid moving expenses are common in this high-demand profession. Students often receive employment offers months before graduation. It is not uncommon for new graduates to earn starting base salaries over \$45,000 - 55,000 annually; the median salary for respiratory therapists in 2015 was \$57,790. CHI St. Alexius Health/University of Mary Respiratory Therapy Program graduates enjoy a national reputation for quality and competence, and are in high demand.

The CHI St. Alexius Health Respiratory Therapy Program is unique in that it offers additional education and training in complex physiological invasive and non-invasive monitoring and diagnostics techniques. This additional education prepares students for work in a wide variety of settings. CHI St. Alexius Health graduates have an employment edge because of their national reputation for excellence.