

Essential Functional Requirements

In addition to admission criteria, qualified applicants are expected to meet essential functional requirements of the respiratory therapy profession. Students requesting reasonable accommodation to meet these requirements must inform the Program Director in writing of the need for such accommodations at the time of application. Essential functional requirements include cognitive, motor and behavioral abilities.

Respiratory therapy students must be able to: move quickly in confined spaces; sit and stand while maintaining balance; stand in-place for prolonged periods; reach above the shoulders and below the waist; twist, stoop, squat; climb stairs; walk rapidly (emergency situations); precisely manipulate small instruments and pieces of equipment; squeeze forcefully with hands; write with a pen; key information into a computer; lift and carry 30 pounds; have sufficient physical strength and mobility to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation; hear, see, feel with fingers, smell; distinguish colors; read, write and comprehend English; interpret written information; identify cause and effect relationships; add, subtract, multiply and divide; tell and measure time; orally communicate and interact with others; speak on the telephone; establish rapport with others (patients, co-workers); establish appropriate emotional and interpersonal boundaries; maintain effectiveness under stress and strong emotions.