RESPIRATORY THERAPY – A.A.S.

JOINT DEGREE WITH RUTGERS – SCHOOL OF HEALTH RELATED PROFESSIONS (SHRP)
(Formerly University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey)

Prerequisite courses to be completed at Ocean County College:

Students must complete the following 34 credits at OCC with a minimum grade of C (B for science courses), and a minimum GPA of 2.75, prior to application for admission to Rutgers – School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) for the professional sequence. The Rutgers – SHRP application deadline for the following FALL term is May 15.

ENGL 151 English I 3 cr.
ENGL 152 English II 3 cr.
PSYC 172 General Psychology 3 cr.
PHIL 192 Contemporary Ethical Issues 3 cr.
MATH 156 Introduction to Statistics 3 cr.
BIOL 130 Anatomy and Physiology I* 4 cr.
BIOL 131 Anatomy and Physiology II* 4 cr.
BIOL 232 Microbiology* 4 cr.
CHEM 180 – Introduction to Chemistry* 4 cr.
Any elective 3 cr.

Total Credits 34 cr.

*Science courses must be completed with a “B” or higher and must have been taken within the last five years.

Admission to the program also requires a high school diploma or GED, and evidence of completion of high school level algebra and biology (with a grade of C or better) or equivalent college coursework.

PROFESSIONAL SEQUENCE:

Thirty-three (33) credits in Respiratory Therapy to be completed at Rutgers – SHRP campus in Stratford, NJ. Total degree credits: 67 credits.

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FAQ's

Does OCC offer a degree in Respiratory Therapy?

Yes, a new partnership with Rutgers – School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) will allow OCC students to earn an A.A.S. degree in Respiratory Therapy by completing thirty four credits in prerequisite courses at OCC and taking the remainder of their clinical coursework at Rutgers in Stratford, NJ.

Do I need to be an Ocean County resident to enter the program?

Yes, to participate, students must be a resident of Ocean County and complete a minimum of 34 credits in residence at OCC.

What are the prerequisite courses needed to apply?

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Is there a minimum requirement to be accepted into the program?

Yes. A high school diploma or GED is required for admission to the program and evidence of completion of high school level algebra and biology (with a grade of C or better) or equivalent college coursework. Students must complete (34) credits in general education courses with a grade of “C” (B for science courses) and a minimum GPA of 2.75.

How many OCC students are admitted each Fall semester?

Ocean County College is allotted a maximum of three (3) student spaces annually. The number of seats is dependent upon available clinical placements.

Does OCC admit students into the program?

No, all admission decisions are made by Rutgers SHRP.

How far is the commute to Rutgers – School of Health Related Professions in Stratford, NJ?
The commute time is approximately one hour 18 minutes (54 miles) from Toms River.

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

Yes. The application and all supporting materials must be received by the deadline of May 15 for Fall admission.

All Ocean County College first year courses must be completed by the end of June for fall admission. (All classes must be completed and appear on an Ocean County College transcript for an application to Rutgers SHRP to be considered).

**What else do I need to apply?**

In addition to the application, students must submit a letter stating their reasons for choosing the Respiratory Therapy Program as well as listing any medical or hospital work experience. Letters of recommendation from supervisors or other relevant sources are encouraged.

**How do I apply?**

Start by applying to Ocean County College and completing and submitting the Student Information Sheet for Respiratory Therapy. Start taking prerequisite courses.

For more information, please send an e-mail to RSTNOR@shrp.rutgers.edu