Respiratory Care

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Admission Requirements

Northeast Iowa Community College

Until you complete the following admission requirements and are accepted into the program, **you are a Pre-Respiratory Care student**.

Phase 1 Pre-Respiratory Care Student

READING REQUIREMENT You must meet **ONE** of the following:

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** Graduated within the past **FIVE** years with a minimum cumulative 2.67 GPA.	**OR**	☐ **COLLEGE** Earned 12 college credits with a grade of C- or above OR completed a college degree.	If you don't meet one of those ← you must complete or provide one of the following. →	☐ **ACT*** **19**	**OR**	☐ **ACCUPLACER*** Next Generation **250**

**Assessment results must be within three years of the student's application date.*

MATH REQUIREMENT You must meet **ONE** of the following:

☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** Graduated within the past **TWO** years with a minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA.	**OR**	☐ **COLLEGE** Completion of Applied Math, Prealgebra or higher-level math course grade of C- or above.	If you don't meet one of those ← you must complete or provide one of the following. →	☐ **ACT^** **16**	**OR**	☐ **ALEKS^** **14**

^Assessment results must be within two years of the student's application date.

COURSEWORK You must complete the following course within five years of your application date and receive a minimum grade of C-.

- ☐ **HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I BIO:168**
  Mandatory prerequisite, one year high school biology/chemistry with a minimum grade of C-; or a minimum grade of C- in BIO:102 and BIO:103, BIO:112, BIO:157, BIO:161 or CHM: 110.

You may enroll in general education courses required for the program.

Transcripts or assessment results must be submitted to the **Admissions Office** at **admissions@nicc.edu.**

Phase 2 Respiratory Care Program Acceptance

- You have been offered a spot within the Respiratory Care Program and must **RESPOND TO ACCEPT THE OFFER BY THE DEADLINE**.
  - If you **DO NOT RESPOND BY THE DEADLINE** your application may be canceled and you will need to start the process over.
- If the program reaches capacity, you may be placed on a waiting list, ranked by the date you completed all the admission requirements.

Phase 3 Program Requirements

The following requirements must be satisfied within the first semester of the Respiratory Care program at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC). A student who does not successfully satisfy the program requirements will be placed at the bottom of the waitlist.

ORIENTATION
Attendance at a mandatory program orientation (usually one week prior to the start of the program). Notice of orientation dates and times will occur after registration into the program courses.

TRAINING

- Complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR or American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer certification.
- Mandatory Reporter Child and Dependent Adult Abuse
- NICC HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogen

STUDENT HEALTH AND BACKGROUND SCREENING

- Purchase and complete the CastleBranch package to certify and collect compliance documents required of healthcare professionals.
- Criminal, dependent adult and child abuse background screening
- Physical and immunization records (time sensitive, one year expiration)
- Drug testing
- For more detailed information and instructions visit nicc.edu/programrequirements

Estimated Program Cost*

Expenses	
Tuition & Fees	$20,331 in-state* | $23,247 out-of-state*
Background Check/Drug Testing	$103
Physical Exam/Immunizations (Based on health coverage)	Undetermined
Apparel for Labs/Clinicals & Student Lab Kits	$100
Certification Fee	$28
Clinical Transportation (Gas and Lodging)	Undetermined
Student Conference Fee	$163
Program Software & Exam Fees	$525
Lab Supply Fees	$110
Books	$1,900
Estimated Total Cost	**$23,260** in-state* | **$26,176** out-of-state*

** These costs are provided as a guide to financing your education. All costs are estimates at time of publication, are subject to change without notice and do not reflect the exact cost a student may incur. All costs are based on the 2026-2027 tuition and fee rates.*

Resources

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