



# Indian River State College

3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981-5596

## Respiratory Care Program

### ADMISSION & APPLICATION FOR FALL

Application Deadline:  
Classes Begin:

Last Friday in April  
August

For more information  
IRSC Information Call Center

1-866-792-4772

[www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu)

## **IRSC OVERVIEW**

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (IRSC) is a public, comprehensive college with a statewide and national reputation for excellence. Located in Florida's Treasure Coast region, each of the College's five campuses provide unparalleled educational environments.

IRSC serves approximately 30,000 students annually and offers more than 100 programs leading to Bachelor's degrees, Associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas. Continuing a 60

## **Program Accreditation**

The Indian River State College Respiratory Care Program – Associate in Science Degree – Fort Pierce, Florida is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care  
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## THE RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

Under medical direction, the respiratory therapist is responsible for the administration of medical gases, humidity and aerosol therapy, breathing treatments including airway management,

## APPLYING TO THE RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM

Prior to beginning the application process:

1. Read the Respiratory Care Application Booklet.
2. Complete and submit the IRSC Application for the Respiratory Care program (\$30 fee; keep a copy of your receipt).

**Note:** If at any time during the application process, you have a change in personal information (name change, address, phone number, or emails), submit the changes through MyPioneerPortal and to the Health Science Division at 772-462-7550

All applicants will be notified of their status approximately six to eight weeks after the deadline date via the email address provided in the Health Science Application. No information is available by telephone. To finalize acceptance once notified of provisional acceptance, students will be required to have a completed IRSC physical examination form, a negative drug screen report and a FDLE background check.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

Students interested in applying should plan to view the appropriate, regularly scheduled, program information session. The information session addresses any questions or concerns prospective applicants may have. The session also assists students in understanding how to achieve a “**qualified**” applicant status. No reservations or fees are required to attend.

**Respiratory Care Information video located via the website;**

**<https://irsc.edu/programs/respiratory-care.html>**

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### APPLICANT REVIEW

Final consideration for admission into the Respiratory Care program will be based upon the Health Science Admissions Committee review and scoring of the following criteria:

1. Must be 18 years of age.
2. IRSC Admission Status must be complete.
3. IRSC Application for the Respiratory Care program must be filed and paid.
4. 2.5 IRSC and College Cumulative GPA
5. General education coursework and Certification/Licensure (see page 8 for information)

Students are selected on a competitive basis using a score and ranking system. For information on obtaining the highest possible score by the deadline date, contact the Health Science Division



## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Academic performance in the general education courses for the A.S. Degree in Respiratory Care and cumulative college grade point average are indicative of the probability of an applicant's completing the academic portion of the program successfully. It is recommended that students complete as many of the following courses as possible, especially math and science, before applying to the program. In addition to previously stated admission requirements, selection is based on grades achieved in the courses listed below.

Students are selected based on a point system (see below). Applications are selected based on these scores until all seats are filled.

Certified/Licensed Healthcare Practitioners = 10 points  
(RN, LPN, or Paramedic)

Certified/Licensed Healthcare Practitioners = 5 points  
(CNA, MA, or EMT)

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

COURSE POINTS	WEIGHT	# CREDITS	X POINTS	TOTAL
HSC 2531	1			
BSC 2085	2			
BSC 2085L	2			
BSC 2086	2			
BSC 2086L	2			
Certified/Licensed Healthcare Practitioner				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Subject to change

All of the applicant review criteria must be met by the application deadline or the applicant file will not be reviewed and scored. The most qualified (highest scores) are selected.

## ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

The Health Science Division will notify those applicants who have met minimum acceptable scores of their **provisional** acceptance into the program via the email address provided in the health science application. Final acceptance into the program is contingent upon satisfactory results from a physical examination, drug screen and background check. Information on obtaining these tests/reports will be provided in the provisional acceptance notification package. These reports should not be submitted with initial application materials.

LATEX ADVISORY- For those individuals with sensitivities, applicants must be aware that latex-based products are used in all health care facilities.

### Drug Screening

Refer to the IRSC website [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Programs** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Respiratory Care**, select **Background Check and Drug Screening Requirements**.

### Criminal Background Check

Refer to the IRSC website [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Programs** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Respiratory Care**, select **Background Check and Drug Screening Requirements**.

### Health/Medical Record

A completed medical health form must also be submitted and approved by the Program Director. This health record will contain results from a physical examination and laboratory tests including immunization records. The form is located on the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click **Programs** and then **Health Science Meta Major**. Go to **Respiratory Care** and Select **Health Science Physical Exam and Immunization Form**.

Applicants who do not meet the standards of good physical and mental health, as required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, may reapply and be considered for application to a Health Science program after resolution of the health problem. An updated health record, verified by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or an ARNP must be submitted.

Indian River State College and partnering clinical sites require all health science students who register for clinical courses to have personal health insurance. Students will be asked to show

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

(76 CREDITS)

SELECTIVE ADMISSION

Refer to the IRSC website at [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Click

4. The student must be able to clearly and effectively report in English to members of the health care team. Additionally, students must be able to relay appropriate information to patients, as well as teach, explain, and direct wide variety of individuals.
5. In some instances,

3. The student must be able to integrate concepts of pathophysiology, pharmacology and fundamentals of respiratory care in order to formulate a cohesive plan of care for

5. As a component of health science education, the student must demonstrate ethical behavior, including adherence to the professional code of academic and clinical conduct.
6. Although student safety is of utmost importance, the student will be exposed to a variety of communicable pathogens and is expected to care for patients with communicable diseases using appropriate standard precautions and/or guidelines.

G. Health and Related Requirements

1. The student is required to provide current proof of having met all health-related requirements prior to participating in any clinical activities. The student is responsible for maintaining all personal health records including current immunizations, CPR (American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Providers), and health insurance.
2. All entering students are required to complete a background check prior to entering the Respiratory Care program and as requested throughout the program in compliance with the affiliation agreement for the clinical agency and community standards for disqualifying offenses. This may include a drug screen to comply with a clinical agency requirement.
3. The student may be required to complete a physical exam in compliance with clinical agency affiliation agreement.
4. Certain chronic or recurrent illnesses and problems that could interfere with patient care or safety may be incompatible with health science education or practice. Some illnesses may lead to a higher likelihood of student absences and should carefully be considered. Deficiencies in knowledge, judgment, integrity or professional attitude may jeopardize patient care, and as a result could become grounds for course failure and possible dismissal from the Respiratory Care program.