

Respiratory Care AAS Degree Courses

Award	Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
Credits	59
Program Start	Spring
Time to Complete	1½ years

As a student in a health program at Hawkeye Community College, and to participate in clinicals, you will be required to complete the following screenings: Criminal background check, sex offender registry, child abuse registry, and dependent adult registry. The outcome could possibly affect your opportunities to participate in the clinical setting.

You are not eligible for the Iowa Vocational Technical Tuition Grant while taking prerequisite courses.

2024–2025 Suggested Sequence of Study

The following suggested sequence of study is for new full-time students starting the program Spring 2025. Part-time students should visit with a program advisor for a modified sequence of study.

When registering for classes refer to Self-Service > Student Planning to view your specific program requirements, your progress, and ensure proper registration.

Courses are subject to change.

- ◆ General education course.
- ▶ Course has a prerequisite and/or corequisite.

Term 0 — Pre-Program Prerequisites *

BIO-168	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO-173	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ▶	4
ENG-105	Composition I ▶	3
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPC-101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3

Total Credits 17

* All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or higher.

* A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 is required in the prerequisite courses.

* Prerequisite coursework can be completed at Hawkeye Community College or at any accredited transfer institution.

Term 1 — Spring **

BIO-186	Microbiology	4
CHM-122	Introduction to General Chemistry ▶	4
HSC-113	Medical Terminology	2
MAT-110	Math for Liberal Arts ▶ OR	3 ♦
MAT-156	Statistics ▶	3 ♦
Total Credits		13

** A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 is required in Term 1 courses.

** Term 1 coursework can be completed at Hawkeye Community College or at any accredited transfer institution.

Term 2 — Summer

RCP-100	Introduction to Respiratory Care	3
RCP-260	Airway Maintenance Procedures ▶	4
Total Credits		7

Term 3 — Fall

RCP-315	Cardiopulmonary Therapeutics ▶	4
RCP-350	Pulmonary Pathology ▶	3
RCP-561	Introduction to Ventilator Support ▶	3
RCP-600	Neonatal/Pediatric Respiratory Therapy ▶	3
RCP-680	Clinical Respiratory Care ▶	4
Total Credits		17

Term 4 — Spring

RCP-410	Cardio/Pulmonary Diagnostics ▶	3
RCP-565	Intensive Respiratory Care ▶	3
RCP-690	Clinical Intensive Care ▶	8
RCP-875	Respiratory Care Applications ▶	2
Total Credits		16

Term 5 — Summer

RCP-900	Clinical Preceptor ▶	4
RCP-910	Respiratory Care RRT Review	2
Total Credits		6