



Respiratory Therapy Agreement

BETWEEN

BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Update: 2020-21

Purpose

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) and Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) have entered into this agreement establishing a transferable pathway for LDCC students to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy (RT) from BPCC. An original memorandum of understanding (MOU) between LDCC and BPCC was established in 2004. This relationship has resulted in RT graduates who have become qualified, credentialed respiratory therapist in the workforce in the Northeast Louisiana region. This update to the prior MOU will allow continued benefit for students, employers, the healthcare community and both institutions. This MOU continues the arrangement allowing for LDCC students to remain on the LDCC campus while transiting into the BPCC RT clinical level program by receiving instruction via videoconferencing and/or other methods of electronic delivery.

Program

LDCC students who have completed the qualification/prerequisite courses, with a grade of C or higher, are eligible to apply for admission to the clinical level RT program. Applicants must meet all BPCC transfer admission and RT program clinical admission requirements. Admission to the clinical level of training is competitive and dependent on availability of resources including clinical level faculty and clinical training facilities.

The total number of credit hours required to complete the BPCC associate of applied science degree in Respiratory Therapy is 70 credit hours. A LDCC student who successfully transfers to BPCC will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in RT at BPCC upon successfully completing all required coursework at BPCC and meeting all college degree requirements.

LDCC students will follow the requirements in the BPCC Catalog of record at the time they enroll in the clinical level program at BPCC.

In order to graduate from BPCC, students must achieve a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in all coursework, on all work attempted at BPCC and all courses in the major, and meet all college requirements. Additionally, students must earn a 'C' in all RT clinical level program courses with a minimum 2.5 program-specific GPA.

Qualification/ Prerequisite Course Equivalencies

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours	BPCC-equivalent course
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3	ENGL 101
ENGL 102	English Composition II	3	ENGL 102
HSCI 110	Medical Terminology	3	BLGY 110
Social Science Elective		3	Social Science Elective
MATH 110	College Algebra	3	MATH 101 or 102
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3	BLGY 230
BIOL 223	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1	BLGY 230L
BIOL 222	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3	BLGY 231
BIOL 224	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	BLGY 231L
BIOL 210	General Microbiology	3	BLGY 202
BIOL 211	General Microbiology Lab	1	BLGY 202L
CHEM 101	General Chemistry	3	CHEM 107
Humanities Elective		3	Humanities Elective
PHSC 100	Physical Science I	3	PHSC 105

Enrollment Management

The marketing of the programs will be a critical component for the success of this collaboration. It is especially important that both institutions convey a consistent message to all students regarding the Program offerings and requirements. Therefore, the institutions have agreed to use the same marketing materials (i.e. flyers, website links, etc.), as applicable, that are used at BPCC. BPCC will supply pertinent materials for marketing the RT Program, and LDCC will provide materials that identify transfer courses. Additionally, LDCC has agreed to host informational sessions and/or allow the designated BPCC RT Clinical Program satellite-site Instructor or other RT Program faculty to schedule informational sessions and/or participate in applicable marketing activities on LDCC campuses.

LDCC will agree to advertise a pre-respiratory therapy program with outlined crosswalk of LDCC courses that align with the BPCC required coursework prerequisite to the RT Clinical Program. Both institutions agree to share the responsibility of marketing the Program

Logistics

LDCC will offer the qualification/prerequisite courses listed above while BPCC will electronically deliver (via videoconference) Respiratory Therapy clinical program didactic courses and oversee all administrative aspects of the RT Clinical Program. Students enrolling at LDCC for prerequisite courses will be a registered LDCC student and pay LDCC tuition/fees. Upon completion of the qualification/ prerequisite courses, students will seek acceptance into the BPCC RT Clinical Program by making programmatic and institutional application to BPCC. Upon selection to the BPCC RT Clinical Program, students will register in the RSTH courses at BPCC and pay BPCC tuition/fees. BPCC will receive the tuition and clinical revenue for the clinical level courses. LDCC will not receive any reimbursement for use of facilities, proctor expenses, supplies, operational expenses, or other expenses incurred.

BPCC will be responsible for the selection process for applicants seeking admission into the BPCC RT Clinical Program. BPCC will receive credit for each completer in the RT Program. Both BPCC and LDCC will work together to establish and coordinate the sites for laboratory and clinical courses for the RT Program. BPCC will award the degree.

The renewal of this revised formalized agreement will begin upon the signing of this document. LDCC will continue to market the BPCC RT Clinical Program and advise pre-RT LDCC students as to assure enrollment in the applicable prerequisite courses as outlined above.

Personnel

As a component of the current Louisiana State University Health Shreveport and BPCC consortium agreement, the LSU Health Shreveport, School of Allied Health will provide a full-time RT Clinical Program satellite-site Instructor/Coordinator to be located on LDCC campus. This faculty will coordinate clinical sites, advise students, serve as a proctor, provide instruction (as needed) and recruit potential students into the BPCC RT Program. LDCC will designate a primary contact person, typically the Division Chair or Dean of the School of Natural Science that will serve as the liaison between pre-RT students and the designated, BPCC RT Clinical Program satellite-site Instructor/Coordinator and/or the RT Clinical Program Director. The LDCC designee will also collaborate with the RT Clinical Program satellite-site Instructor/Coordinator and/or the RT Clinical Program Director to coordinate activities to promote the ongoing marketing of the LDCC pre-RT curriculum and BPCC RT Clinical Program.

Property/Facilities

LDCC will provide a dedicated classroom and lab facility on LDCC campus to adequately accommodate up to 7 RT Clinical Program students. LDCC will also provide a dedicated, high fidelity videoconferencing classroom system on LDCC campus for didactic coursework to be delivered to BPCC RT Clinical Program satellite-site students.

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LDCC will provide BPCC RT Clinical Program satellite-site students access to the traditional accommodations standard of most academic facilities. BPCC RT Program has a standing consortium agreement with Louisiana State University Health Shreveport, but this MOU involves only a partnership between LDCC and BPCC.

Workforce Development

The Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Therapy is a highly desirable degree. A Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) is in high demand throughout Northeast Louisiana, and the ongoing partnership between BPCC and LDCC has allowed local Monroe and surrounding area students the opportunity to train and become a RRT. The current national average salary for associate-degreed graduates with the RRT credential is \$60,280/year (\$28.98/hour)*. Local Monroe and surrounding area RT Directors report new graduates earn \$20-\$30/hour depending upon whether *pro re nata* or full-time status.

**(2019)U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Outlook Handbook.*


Program Evaluation

Once every two academic years, BPCC will meet with a LDCC representative to review current curriculum and course offerings and present any changes to the curriculum outlined in this agreement prior to implementing the proposed changes. Both LDCC and BPCC will agree upon mutually approved strategies for future program growth and development.

Program Renewal

This agreement will be renewed every three years from the date of signing and will be continued, modified or terminated upon mutual agreement of the parties.

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