

# DEPARTMENT OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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## Vision Statement

The vision of the Department of Respiratory Care is to produce quality graduates who meet the expectations of the communities of interest served by the program, to establish and maintain an excellent national reputation, and to be a leader in innovative educational endeavors in the profession. As a means to accomplish the vision, the respiratory care departmental goals include:

- advancing the curriculum as national higher education and professional standards evolve,
- maintaining accreditation standards as set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care in respiratory care and polysomnography theory and clinical practice,
- recruiting and maintaining racial, gender, and ethnic diversity in both the faculty and students,
- encouraging faculty to pursue professional development through participation in advanced specialty credentialing and professional continuing education,
- encouraging faculty & students to participate in professional organizations and community service projects,
- increasing external funding for the university, college, and department through grant activity and entrepreneurship,
- utilizing the Texas State Sleep Center to meet the educational and research needs of the students and faculty while meeting the diagnostic and treatment needs of the Texas State faculty, staff and student body,
- utilizing the Texas State Sleep Center to meet the sleep diagnostic and treatment needs of the surrounding region as it pertains to education and research, and
- encourage students to pursue graduate education to advance competency in areas of education, research, management, and professional specialties.

## Immunization Requirements

It is the policy of the College of Health Professions that each student must provide a health report completed by a physician and must take specific immunizations before the student can be placed in a clinical assignment. Information on these requirements and the required forms may be obtained through the program/department/school office.

## Background Check and Drug Screening

As a condition for placement in some professional practice sites, some students are required to have a background check and/or drug screening to meet requirements set by individual sites. Information on the drug screening process will be provided by program/department/school. Previous misdemeanor or felony convictions under various titles of the

Texas Penal Code may affect eligibility for practitioner license status following graduation.

## Clinical Education

Polysomnography students are required to complete clinical education experiences in an accredited sleep lab/center. The costs of travel during clinical experiences are the responsibility of the student. The Texas State Sleep Center is available for polysomnography student clinical experiences.

## Master of Science in Respiratory Care (M.S.R.C.)

- Major in Respiratory Care (Leadership Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/respiratory-care/respiratorycare-leadership-msrc>)
- Major in Respiratory Care (Leadership Concentration and Minor in Polysomnography) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/respiratory-care/respiratory-care-leadership-minor-msrc>)
- Major in Respiratory Care (Polysomnography Concentration) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/health-professions/respiratory-care/respiratorycare-polysomnography-msrc>)