

# RESPIRATORY THERAPY

## **NATURE OF THE WORK**

Respiratory Therapists are health professionals who assist in the diagnosis, treatment and health promotion of patients with cardio-respiratory disorders through therapeutic means. They also perform respiratory assessments of patients, tests and monitors cardio-pulmonary function.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PREREQUISITES**

- Students will have completed a minimum of five university preparatory grade XII level courses with an overall average of 75 percent or higher and no individual grade below 70 percent.
- Grade XII academic English with a grade level of 70 percent or higher and grade XI academic mathematics are required together with at least two grade XII courses from the following: biology, chemistry, global geography, global history, mathematics, modern languages and physics.
- The remaining two grade XII subjects may be taken from the above or from other university preparatory subjects approved by the provincial department of education and acceptable to the University/College where the program of study is offered. Those courses include: accounting, computer-related studies, economics, geography, geology, law, modern world problems, home economics (human ecology), music, political science and sociology.

## **OTHER PREREQUISITES**

- Admission to the program requires inoculation for protection against Hepatitis B infection.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Respiratory therapists require a three year program in respiratory therapy and a period of supervised, relevant work experience or a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in respiratory therapy.

To be certified, therapists must successfully complete the National Registry Examination governed by the Canadian Board of Respiratory Care and be licensed with the Canadian and Nova Scotia Society of Respiratory Therapists.

## ***WHERE THE PROGRAM IS OFFERED***

Dalhousie University in partnership with the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Education offers a three-year diploma program and a four-year Bachelor's degree program of Health Sciences in Respiratory Therapy.

Program Length: 3 Years/4Years.

## **Contact Information**

QEII/Dalhousie School of Health Sciences  
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Halifax NS B3H 6A3

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New Brunswick Community College offers a 97 week Diploma Program at their Saint John campus.

New Brunswick Community College  
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Saint John NB E2L 3V1

Telephone: 506-658-6673

Fax: 506-658-6792

Email: [june.macdonald@gnb.ca](mailto:june.macdonald@gnb.ca)

[www.saintjohn.nbcc.nb.ca](http://www.saintjohn.nbcc.nb.ca)

University of New Brunswick offers a four-year Bachelor of Health Sciences degree. Students enroll in introductory sciences courses at UNB and then apply for admission to the Bachelor of Health Sciences program early in the second term.

University of New Brunswick  
Telephone: 506-648-5605  
[www.unb.ca](http://www.unb.ca)

### **EARNING POTENTIAL**

Respiratory Therapist Salary Scale - 2008  
\$43,832 - \$60,086

### **GENERAL**

You need to have good judgment, a strong sense of reliability and excellent interpersonal skills to work in a health care environment. You need the ability to maintain composure in critical medical situations.

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