

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

Cardiorespiratory Sciences (CRS) is a multi-disciplined, multi-credentialed program preparing students in care, management, and life-support of individuals having deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system. A successful graduate of this program will obtain credentials from a national laboratory credentialing agency, the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular Credentialing International, and the National Board for Respiratory Care.

The Cardiorespiratory Sciences Program provides a quality academic experience preparing Respiratory Care Practitioners and Cardiac Technicians. The graduate will possess the attitudes, skills, and knowledge required to think critically, communicate effectively, and provide self-direction while administering care.

The program emphasizes developing competencies that integrate protocols, Clinical Practice Guidelines, and critical pathways into an efficient cardiorespiratory care plan.

A limited entry program, students must attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor for additional counseling prior to acceptance in the program. The Cardiorespiratory Sciences Program is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care, 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244, (817) 283-2835 www.coarc.com

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Analyze data culminating in successful completion of the National Board for Respiratory Care’s (NBRC) Certified Respiratory Therapist Self-Assessment Examination (SAE).
- Synthesize data culminating in successful completion of the NBRC’s Written Registered Respiratory Therapist SAE.
- Appraise data culminating in successful completion of the NBRC’s Clinical Simulation Examination SAE.
- Analyze data culminating in successful completion of the Certified Cardiographic Examination, administered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International, or their successor agency.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (31 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: BUS 108, COM 101, 102, 215, ENG 100, 101, 102, 107, 113, 114, 205, JOUR 102, THTR 105	3-5	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 102, 113, 114	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: ALS 101, ANTH 101, 112, 201, 205, HIST 105, 106, 107, 150, 151, 210, 247, 260, HMS 130, 35B, 265B, MGT 100B, 283, PHIL 135, PSC 201, PSY 101, 102, 207, 208, 261, SOC	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 124 or above	3	_____
SCIENCE: BIOL 223, 224, 251	12	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: AM, ANTH, ART, COM, DAN 101, ECON, ENG 223 or above, GEOG 106 or above, HIST, International Languages, Music, PHIL, PSC, PSY, SOC, THTR, WMST 113	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (56 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
CLS 151 Phlebotomy	2	_____
CRS 111 Introductory Concepts of Cardiorespiratory Sciences	3	_____
CRS 112 Introductory Concepts of Cardiorespiratory Equipment	1	_____
CRS 115 Clinical Practicum I	4	_____

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	CR	SEMESTER
CRS 121 Advanced Concepts of Cardiorespiratory Sciences	3	_____
CRS 122 Advanced Concepts of Cardiorespiratory Equipment	1	_____
CRS 123 Applied Cardiorespiratory Assessment	3	_____
CRS 124 Cardiorespiratory Pharmacology	3	_____
CRS 125 Clinical Practicum II	4	_____
CRS 135 Clinical Practicum III	3	_____
CRS 211 Neonatal and Pediatric Cardiorespiratory Care	3	_____
CRS 212 Neonatal and Pediatric Cardiorespiratory Equipment	1	_____
CRS 213 Cardiorespiratory Diagnostics	3	_____
CRS 214 Cardiorespiratory Diagnostics Equipment	1	_____
CRS 215 Clinical Practicum IV	4	_____
CRS 221 Continuity of Cardiorespiratory Care	3	_____
CRS 222 Seminar for Success	1	_____
CRS 225 Clinical Practicum V	4	_____
EGG 131 Technical Physics I	4	_____
OR PHYS 110 Conceptual Physics or above		
HIT 117B Medical Terminology I	1	_____
HIT 165B Pathophysiology	4	_____

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.