

VERMONT TECH

Respiratory Therapy Program

Dear accepted student,

On behalf of the Respiratory Therapy faculty at Vermont Technical College, I congratulate and welcome you to the program.

In order to assist enrolled students to be successful, all accepted students **MUST** attend the Respiratory Therapy Program information session on June 8 at 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM **or** June 9 at 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. We will be connecting through Telepresence simultaneously at both the White River Junction and Williston classrooms for our meetings. These meetings are a chance for the program faculty to give you program specific information and answer questions you may have about the program curriculum. Email me which meeting and what location you will be for the information session. tmcguinness@vtc.edu

The enclosed Allied Health VTC Student Health Form must be completed by your Health Care Provider as soon as possible. You **MUST** demonstrate that you have begun the process of completing the health form before July 1st in order to remain enrolled in the program for fall. **Since it normally takes some time to get an appointment, I suggest that you start by making an appointment with your Health Care Provider as soon as possible for your physical exam.** Respiratory therapy students have a mandatory screening for tuberculosis. This may be the 2-step PPD testing method or a blood test: QuantiFERON Gold. This is detailed on the health form. The preferred documentation for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and Hepatitis B is positive blood titer levels through documentation by your health care provider. Be aware, the Covid-19 vaccination is required by our clinical sites. You **MUST** upload all health care documents to Castle Branch. Any health-related documents must include your name and date of birth as identifiers. Information about creating your Castle Branch account has been included in this mailing.

You **MUST** complete a background check through Castle Branch **before July 1st** in order to remain enrolled in the program for fall.

All respiratory therapy students **MUST** own a laptop computer for accessing computerized exams in class. Please contact the VTC IT department at Williston (802-879-8260) if you have questions about the type of laptop needed for your classes. <https://www.vtc.edu/support/> is the I.T. support link.

Under instructor supervision, respiratory therapy students provide patient care in a variety of healthcare settings in VT, NY, and NH. All students are required to travel to designated hospital sites for clinical education. All respiratory therapy students **MUST** be prepared to travel to clinical sites. Students must have a valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation for traveling. Students will be assigned to clinical sites based on clinical site availability and proximity to their classroom/lab location.

The program faculty provides the required CPR course and certification during the first year.

All of the requirements for entering the respiratory therapy program in the fall will be discussed in more depth at the information session.

I am looking forward to meeting you at an information session.

Sincerely,



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