



Respiratory Therapy Program Welcome Letter

On behalf of the Respiratory Therapy faculty at Vermont State University, I congratulate and welcome you to the program!

In order to assist students to be successful once enrolled, all accepted students will be responsible for attending/reviewing the Respiratory Therapy Program information session. The program faculty will give you program specific information and answer questions you may have about the program curriculum. This will be recorded and made available to all enrolled Respiratory Therapy students.

- Respiratory Therapy Information Session Date: March 25 at 11 am via Zoom.
 - Please use this link: <https://vsc.zoom.us/j/82692898892>

The Student Health Form must be completed by your Health Care Provider as soon as possible. It can take a very long time to get an appointment with your Health Care Provider. Please make an appointment with your provider as soon as possible for your physical exam. Respiratory therapy students have a mandatory screening for tuberculosis. This is explained in detail on the health form. The preferred documentation for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and Hepatitis B is positive blood titer levels. The Respiratory Therapy Program also requires an annual Influenza vaccination. You MUST upload all PDF health care documents to Castle Branch. Information about Castle Branch has been included in this letter.

You must begin the background check and Vermont Abuse Registry search through Castle Branch as soon as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

All respiratory therapy students must own a laptop computer for accessing computerized exams. Please contact the VTSU IT department at Williston (802.879.8260) or Randolph (802.728.1721) if you have questions about the type of laptop needed for your classes.

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 hospital sites. All respiratory therapy students must be prepared to travel to clinical sites at a distance from Williston. Students must have a valid driver's license and access to a car for traveling to clinical sites.

Respiratory therapy students should not complete CPR before entering the program. The program faculty provides the specific required CPR certification during the first year.

Program requirements for the respiratory therapy program will be discussed in more depth at the information session. Email us in the meantime with time sensitive questions at Respiratory.Therapy@VermontState.edu

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy McGuinness".

Tracy McGuinness, M.Ed., RRT
Program Director, Respiratory Therapy Program



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