ABOUT THE PROGRAM
This baccalaureate degree program prepares students for careers in Respiratory Therapy. The Ball State University program is offered in cooperation with IU Health in Indianapolis. The program is divided into two components. The first (General Studies) component is completed on the BSU campus in Muncie, Indiana. The second (Professional Studies) component is offered in Indianapolis at IU Health Methodist Hospital with clinical sites throughout Central Indiana.

OCCUPATIONAL DESCRIPTION
Respiratory therapists help diagnose, treat, rehabilitate and educate to prevent and manage cardiopulmonary diseases. Procedures performed by therapists include: environmental control, drug therapy, bronchopulmonary clearance techniques, and administration of medical gases. Practitioners also provide ventilator support, pulmonary rehabilitation and CPR. They are skilled in airway maintenance, procurement and analysis of arterial blood gas samples and in the performance of pulmonary function tests. Respiratory Therapists work primarily in hospitals caring for patients in nurseries, medical and surgical units, adult and pediatric intensive care units, and emergency rooms. Employment opportunities also are available in nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals, in organizations providing home care, physicians’ offices and clinics, and in commercial organizations that manufacture and distribute medical supplies.

PROGRAM ADMISSION, APPLICATION PROCESS, & ACCEPTANCE
Students may enter the General Studies portion of the program upon admission to the university; however, admission to the university does not guarantee acceptance to the Professional Studies phase of the program. Students may apply for admission to the Professional Studies portion of the program when the following requirements are met:

- 28 hours of required courses are completed
- 10 of these completed hours are in required math/science courses
- “C” or better in required math/science courses
- 2.5 overall GPA
- completion & documentation of at least 3 hours of clinical observation

Applications may be obtained in the Department of Nutrition and Health Science office in CL 325. Complete the application, follow the instructions, and attach the following: 1) a current Ball State University DegreeWorks Student report including fall semester grades and current registration for spring semester; 2) current, official BSU transcript including fall semester grades and current registration for spring semester; 3) transcripts from any other colleges or universities attended, and 4) completed and signed documentation of clinical observation. Only one application per student. All application materials must be received in the Department of Nutrition & Health Science no later than 5:00 PM local time (EST) on January 10. In the event January 10 falls on a weekend, the due date will be extended to the next business day. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Due to the limited number of clinical phase spaces available, all students who meet the minimum requirements may not be admitted to the Professional Studies portion of the program. Qualified applicants will be required to meet with program faculty in Indianapolis before final selections are made.

Students who are offered a spot in the clinical phase of the program are admitted on a conditional basis. This means that the minimum requirements that were necessary to apply to the clinical phase of the program must be maintained in order to keep the offered spot in the clinical phase. If, at anytime after being offered a position in the clinical phase of the program, a student’s overall GPA falls below a 2.50 or if they receive a “C” or less in a math or science course (students cannot receive a C-), their offer of admission will be withdrawn immediately, and the spot in the program will be reassigned. A student who has been dismissed from the Program may not apply for readmission. Under special circumstances, a waiver may be requested by the program faculty and forwarded to the University Department Chair for action.

SELECTION
Qualified applicants will be ranked based on their cumulative GPA and must attain a minimum oral communication cut score for the admission interview. ALL undergraduate college credit attempted will be included in the computation of the GPA, including all attempted transfer hours.
### GENERAL STUDIES—64 TO 66 HRS

The General Studies component includes 64 to 66 semester hours taken at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. This phase of the program may be started during any semester; however, some courses are offered only during certain semesters each year. All required courses must be taken for credit on a letter-grade basis. **The Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE 392) must be completed before beginning clinicals, if admitted.**

#### FIRST SEMESTER
- ENGL 103 (3)
- MATH 125 (3)*
- CHEM 101 (5)*
- PFW Elective (2)*
- Humanities, Tier 1 (3)*

#### SECOND SEMESTER
- ENGL 104 (3)*
- MATH 111 (3)**
- COMM 210 (3)*
- ANAT 201 (3)
- PSYS 100 (3)*

*Fulfills a Core Requirement

**Prerequisite: MATH 108, appropriate score on the SAT/ACT, or appropriate scores on the mathematics placement test, or permission of the department chairperson.

### PROFESSIONAL STUDIES—70 HRS

The clinical phase of the program, which includes 70 semester hours, begins at IU Health in Indianapolis each August and runs five consecutive semesters. Students attend courses taught in classrooms and laboratories at IU Health Methodist Hospital. Extensive clinical experience is obtained at hospitals and healthcare facilities throughout central Indiana. If, due to remedial courses, major change, etc., a student is unable to complete the General Studies component by the time the Professional Studies courses begin, it will be necessary to reapply the following year.

#### FALL SEMESTER
- AHSC 303 (2)
- AHSC 311 (3)
- AHSC 315 (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER
- AHSC 350 (3)
- AHSC 355 (3)
- AHSC 356 (2)

#### SUMMER SEMESTER
- AHSC 395 (4)

#### FALL SEMESTER
- AHSC 371 (3)
- AHSC 420 (2)
- AHSC 451 (3)

#### SPRING SEMESTER
- AHSC 430 (3)
- AHSC 440 (2)
- AHSC 445 (3)

### PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Graduates of the program receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy, and are eligible to take the entry-level and advanced-practitioner examinations offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

Successful completion of each examination allows the graduate to use credentials recognized throughout the nation. Graduates are also eligible to take licensing examinations required in most states. Those states, including Indiana, which require licensure as part of their credentialing process use the entry-level examination offered by the NBRC.

Persons who have been convicted of a crime may wish to contact the Program Director prior to entering the program to determine if they are likely to become licensed upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. However, please be aware that the final decision lies with the state licensing board.

For more information about the National Board for Respiratory Care, visit [www.nbrc.org](http://www.nbrc.org).