How do I know if Respiratory Therapy is the right career choice for me?

The best way to determine if a career in Respiratory Therapy is right for you is to spend the day, or several hours, with a therapist. You may observe at any hospital after contacting the Respiratory Care department to arrange a convenient date and time. Please be aware that it may take up to five working days for the contact person to respond to your request. Appropriate dress will be required during your observation. In general, jeans, shorts, T-shirts, sandals and athletic shoes are considered inappropriate. If you have questions about proper attire, discuss them with your contact person prior to your observation. Some hospitals have additional requirements, such as proof of a recent TB test. You need to discuss any hospital specific requirements prior to your visit. Also, please be aware that strict confidentiality regarding patient care is expected and required by law during and after your observation.

The following clinical affiliates of the program are excellent places to arrange for an observation. Please note – You must provide the clinical affiliate 24 hours notice if you need to cancel or reschedule. Failure to do so may adversely affect your application to the program. Please make arrangements for your observation by December 1.

Respiratory Care Department
IU Health Methodist Hospital
1701 N Senate Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Contact: Education Coordinator
(317) 962-5063

Respiratory Care Department
Riley Hospital at IU Health
702 Barnhill Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Contact: Eric Sageser, RRT
(317) 944-1002

Respiratory Care Department
St. Vincent Hospital
2001 W. 86th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Contact: Ruth Reynolds, RRT
(317) 338-3827

Respiratory Care Department
Franciscan St. Francis Hospital
8111 S. Emerson Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46237
Contact: Angela Byers, RRT
(317) 528-8952

Respiratory Care Department
IU Health Indiana University Hospital
550 University Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Contact: Education Coordinator
(317) 944-1674

Respiratory Therapy Department
IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital
2401 W. University Ave.
Muncie, IN 47303
Contact: Dawn Bailey
(765) 741-1085

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1. Click on the ‘Careers’ link (on the far right toward the top of the page)
2. Click on the ‘For Students’ link (on the far left in the gray area)
3. Click on one of the ‘Shadowing’ or ‘Internship’ links, then follow STEP #1 for the application process

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