

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM FROM THE STUDENT HANDBOOK



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TECHNICAL STANDARDS

All applicants are required to meet the Essential Functions for Success in the Respiratory Care Program:

Physical Demands

- Perform prolonged, extensive, or considerable standing/walking, lifting, positioning, pushing, and/or transferring patients
- Possess the ability to perform fine motor movements with hands and fingers
- Possess the ability for extremely heavy effort (lift and carry at least 50 pounds or more)
- Perform considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling, and crouching

Sensory Demands

- Color vision: ability to distinguish and identify colors (may be corrected with adaptive devices)
- Distance vision: ability to see clearly 20 feet or more
- Depth perception: ability to judge distance and space relationship
- Near vision: ability to see clearly 20 inches or less
- Hearing: able to recognize a full range of tones

Working Environment

- May be exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification
- Regularly exposed to the risk of blood borne diseases
- Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes
- Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens
- Subject to burns and cuts
- Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances
- Handle emergency or crisis situations
- Subject to many interruptions
- Requires decisions/actions related to end-of-life issues
- Exposed to products containing latex

English Language Skills

Although proficiency in English is not a criterion for admission into the Respiratory Care Program, students must be able to speak, write and read English to ensure patient safety and to complete classes successfully.