



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

School of Allied Health Sciences

Respiratory Care

Articulation Agreement between Boise State University and Reading Area Community College

This agreement is effective as of the date of final signature below and shall be in effect for three (3) years or until earlier terminated, by one of the parties. Either party may cancel this agreement upon twenty (20) days advanced written notice to the other party; provided, however, that any student who has already enrolled at Boise State University shall be entitled to the benefit of this agreement.

Boise State University

Regional Accreditation

Boise State University is regionally accredited by The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Department of Respiratory Care

Professional Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) provisionally accredited the Department of Respiratory Care's Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care-Degree Advancement Program (BSRC-DAP). The last accreditation site visit was on March 7 and 8, 2019, followed by a granting of provisional accreditation on March 28, 2019. Next review, January 2025.

<https://www.coarc.com/Accreditation/Degree-Advancement-Standards.aspx>

Bachelor of Science Degree Curriculum

The 120-credit Bachelor of Science Degree Curriculum satisfies all general education requirements (University Foundations) and all professional curricular requirements.

Reading Area Community College

Regional Accreditation

Reading Area Community College is regionally accredited by The Middle States Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Department of Respiratory Care

Professional Accreditation

The Department of Respiratory Care Associate of Applied Science Degree Program is accredited by the CoARC. The last accreditation was November 12, 2016, and the next accreditation visit is due November 30, 2026.

Associate of Applied Science Degree Curriculum

The 69-semester credit, Associate of Applied Science Degree Curriculum satisfies all professional curricular requirements.



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Boise State University Department of Respiratory Care Degree Advancement Program

The Degree Advancement Program allows students to enroll once they have met the following criteria:

- ☐ Earned an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care from a regionally accredited institution whose Respiratory Care Program is accredited by CoARC,
- ☐ Successfully completed at least 35 semester credit hours,
- ☐ Earned the credential of Registered Respiratory Therapist by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)
- ☐ Admitted to Boise State University

Final decision for acceptance rests with the Respiratory Care department

The Degree Advancement Program is designed for Registered Respiratory Therapists who want to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care. The student is required to complete 30 upper-division credits (10 courses); each of the courses is available online. Because the student is required to be a Registered Respiratory Therapist as a pre-requisite for the program, there are no clinical courses in the BSRC-DAP.

Courses are delivered via Canvas, which is a web-based, course-management system designed to allow students and faculty to participate in classes delivered online. Canvas enables instructors to provide students with course materials, discussion boards, virtual chat, live audio-visual discussions, online quizzes, an academic resource center and more.

Online courses typically are more time-intensive than typical face-to-face courses. Students will be required to do a significant amount of reading, online posting, writing papers and other online activities; therefore, the student must be motivated and willing to allocate a considerable amount of time for each course. For this reason, it is not recommended that students working full-time take more than two courses per seven-week session.

In addition to the criteria listed above, students who earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree must also satisfy all State of Idaho general education requirements (University Foundations requirements) before admittance into the BSRC-DAP.

If the student earns an Associate of Science Degree or an Associate of Arts Degree (in any field) from Reading Area Community College, in addition to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care, the student will satisfy all State of Idaho general education and University Foundations requirements, and will only have to complete the 30 credits (RESPCARE prefixed courses) listed below to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree from Boise State University.



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Boise State University and Reading Area Community College Transfer Course Equivalency Table

Boise State University			Reading Area Community College		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Number	Course Title	Credits
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3	COM 121	English Composition I	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3	COM 221	English Composition II	3
COMM 100XFC	Foundations of Oral Communication (FC)	3	COM 151	Fundamentals of Speech	3
MATH 100XFM MATH 143 MATH 254	Foundations of Mathematics (FM)	3 – 5	MAT 150 or MAT 160 or MAT 210	Foundations of Mathematics College Algebra Statistics	3
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology (FN)	4	BIO 250	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
CHEM 100XFN CHEM 100XFN ENVSTD 121	Foundation of Natural, Physical, and Applied Science in a 2 nd field (FN)	4	CHE 120 or CHE 150 or ENV 130	Principles of Chemistry (if no HS Chemistry, pre-req for BIO 250) Chemistry I The Environment	4/3-4
ART 100 ART 200XFA THEA 101	Foundations of Arts (FA)	3	ART 201 or ART 250 or THE 120	Art Appreciation Art History: The Western Tradition Introduction to Theater	3
PHIL 103	Foundations of Humanities (FH)	3	PHI 275	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSYC 101	Foundations of Social Sciences (FS)	3	PSY 130	General Psychology	3
SOC 101	Foundations of Social Sciences, in a 2 nd field (FS)	3	SOC 130	Sociology	3
BIOL 191 ANTH 102 MUSI 100 THEA 200XFA HIST 111 POLS 101	Biology I Cultural Anthropology Introduction to Music Foundation or Arts (FA) United States History I American National Government	6-7	BIO 150 ANT 140 MUS 221 ENG 251 HIS 110 POS 130	Biology I (Pre-req for BIO 250) Cultural Anthropology Music Appreciation Introduction to Drama US History I: Found of American Society American Government	6-7

*A transferring AAS student from Reading Area Community College must either complete six additional core/general education credits at Reading Area Community College which would core certify the student through the Idaho State Board of Education, or complete UF 200 Foundations of Ethics and Diversity through Boise State University.

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Requirements to Earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University

Requirements to be completed at Reading Area Community College

- ☐ Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care
- ☐ At least 35 semester credits
- ☐ State of Idaho general education requirements
 - o Please see equivalency table above.

Professional examinations to be completed through the National Board for Respiratory Care

- ☐ Examinations required to earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist credential

Professional credential to be earned through the National Board for Respiratory Care

- ☐ Registered Respiratory Therapist

Requirements to be completed, online, through Boise State University

- ☐ Professional Courses
 - o RESPCARE 355 Professional Communication in Health Care, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 432 Critical Review of Health Care Research, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 440 Senior Theory: Advanced Concepts, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 441 Teaching Techniques for Health Care Professionals, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 444 Leadership and Management for Health Care Professionals, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 445 Patient Advocacy and Ethical Issues, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 480 Capstone (FF), 3 credits
 - Any three of the following four courses
 - o RESPCARE 431 Quality Improvement in Health Care, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 442 Sleep Medicine, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 443 Current Topics in Respiratory Disease, 3 credits
 - o RESPCARE 446 Introduction to Disease Management, 3 credits
- ☐ Credit for Prior Learning
 - o Students will receive 26 upper division credits based upon passing the NBRC's RRT credentialing examinations. The NBRC examinations, through which the student earns the RRT credential, are used as external examinations allowing the student to challenge 26 upper-division credits required for the program. After successfully completing at least 12 credits at Boise State University, the student can request the upper division credits be applied to their transcript and pay the necessary fee (currently \$200). The adviser will complete the Credit for Prior Learning form to process the paperwork for these 26 credits.

After successfully completing each of the above-stated requirements, if the student is otherwise in good standing, the student will be awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University.