



**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

*School of Allied Health Sciences*

*Respiratory Care*

**Articulation Agreement between Boise State University and River Valley 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 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.

**River Valley Community College**

**Regional Accreditation**

Local Community College is regionally accredited by The New England Commission of Higher Education.

**Department of Respiratory Care**

**Professional Accreditation**

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

**Associate of Science Degree Curriculum**

The 69-71-semester credit, Associate of Science Degree Curriculum satisfies all general education requirements and all professional curricular requirements.



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### **Boise State University Department of Respiratory Care Degree Advancement Program**

The BSRC-DAP allows students to enroll in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University once they have met the following criteria:

- ☐ Earned an Associate of Science, an Associate of Arts, or an Associate of Arts and Science in Respiratory Care, from a regionally accredited institution whose Respiratory Care program is accredited by CoARC,
- ☐ Successfully completed at least 64 semester credit hours,
- ☐ Earned the credential 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 of 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 take more than two courses per seven-week session.

Because graduates of River Valley Community College earn an Associate of Science Degree and the students earn at least 64 credits, River Valley Community College graduates will meet the first two admission requirements. Once the student has passed the necessary NBRC Examinations to earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist credential, and upon acceptance to Boise State University, the student may be admitted to the BSRC-DAP.



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**Requirements to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University once admitted to the BSRC-DAP:**

**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 Considerations, 3 credits
  - o RESPCARE 480 Capstone, 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 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 credits required for the program. After successfully completing at least 12 credits at Boise State University, the student can request the credits be applied to their transcript and pay the necessary fee (currently \$200). The adviser will complete the necessary University forms 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.

Use of Marks: Neither party shall, prior to, in the course of, or after performance under this Agreement, use the other party's name, logos, or trademarks in any advertising or promotional media, including press releases, without the prior written consent of the other party.



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**CERTIFICATIONS.** University is prohibited by state law from entering into certain contractual agreements. [Party] hereby certifies that: (i) pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2346, if it is a company, if the total value of the contractual agreement exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and it employs ten or more persons, it is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the Agreement engage in, a boycott of goods or services from Israel or territories under its control or a boycott of any individual or company because the individual or company (a) engages in or supports the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacture of fossil fuel-based energy, timber, minerals, hydroelectric power, nuclear energy, or agriculture; or (b) engages in or supports the manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of firearms, as defined in section 18-3302(2)(d), Idaho Code; (ii) pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2359, if it is a company, it is not currently owned or operated by the People's Republic of China led by the Chinese communist party and will not for the duration of the Agreement be owned or operated by the People's Republic of China; and (iii) except to the extent this Agreement is a contract or commercial transaction that is subject to a federal law related to Medicaid or a contract with a hospital as defined in Idaho Code, Section 39-1301, it is not an abortion provider or an affiliation of an abortion provider under the No Public Funds for Abortion Act. The terms in this section defined in Idaho Code Section 67-2346, Idaho Code Section 67-2359, and in Title 18, Chapter 87, Idaho Code, respectively, shall have the meanings defined therein. This certification is made solely to comply with the Idaho statutes referenced herein and to the extent such section does not contravene applicable State or federal law.



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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement hereto, as of the last date written below:

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Megan Koster, Chair  
Department of Respiratory Care  
Boise State University

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Date

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Kathy Hillard, Program Director  
River Valley Community College

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Date

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Robert Wood, Director  
School of Allied Health Sciences  
Boise State University

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Date

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Jennifer Cournoyer, Vice President  
Academic & Student Affairs  
River Valley Community College

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Date

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Lutana Haan, Associate Dean  
College of Health Sciences  
Boise State University

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Alfred Williams, President  
River Valley Community College

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Mandy Nelson, Registrar  
Boise State University

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John Buckwalter, Provost  
Boise State University

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