Classroom and Lab Evaluation

Students are given quizzes, unit examinations, and a comprehensive final examination in each Respiratory Therapy Program course. In addition, selected oral or written assignments or projects may be given. Examinations are constructed to measure the student’s mastery of the course objectives as stated in the course syllabus.

Clinical Evaluation

A grade is based on the student's performance of critical requirements in the laboratory or clinical area. Upon achievement of acceptable progress in the clinical experience, the student will be allowed to progress to the next level. A failing grade for the course will be given if performance is judged unsatisfactory or unsafe in the clinical setting. Emphasis is placed on achieving safe performance in the college laboratory prior to clinical experience. Failure of the student to meet requirements (including deadlines in the course work, written assignments, or attendance) may prevent the student from continuing in the clinical area.

Student performance will be reported when they receive an unacceptable grade for that skill. If a student fails to meet required outcomes within specified time; jeopardizes patient safety; makes errors that are not recognized and then corrected and reported; omits Respiratory Therapy skills required for the assigned patient(s); or fails to demonstrate that required performance a student will receive a failing grade for that skill, and may receive a failing grade for the course.

Students who receive an unacceptable grade for any clinical outcomes are expected to arrange a conference with the instructor to discuss ways to improve clinical performance. This conference is to be held prior to the next clinical experience.

A student who receives two (2) or more unacceptable grades in a course or two (2) consecutive days with an unacceptable grade without being remedied for the same clinical outcome will receive a final course grade of "F." The Respiratory Therapy faculty may withdraw the student from the clinical area if Respiratory Therapy practice is considered “Unsafe.” A student MUST be considered acceptable, in the professional judgment of the clinical Respiratory Therapy instructor, in ALL clinical objectives to pass the clinical course. Failure to maintain acceptable progress in theory classes and/or in the laboratory will prevent the student from progressing to the next semester.

A final course grade of "C" or better is required in each Respiratory Therapy course as a pre-requisite to the following semester respiratory therapy course.
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**Grades**

A = 92-100%
B = 86-91.9%
C = 80-85.9%
D = 70-79.9%
F = 60-69.9%

Each course will be graded by a total point system. A student may receive an incomplete grade in a course only if extenuating circumstances make it impossible to complete the course work. An incomplete grade can remain on a student's academic record one semester; at the end of that time, the course work must have been completed or the incomplete grade automatically becomes an F. Courses which have pre-requisites may not be taken if an "Incomplete" is still the standing grade for any of the pre-requisite courses.

**Retention in the Respiratory Therapy Program**

The respiratory therapy student must maintain a 2.5 GPA, or better, in all Respiratory Therapy Program courses to advance and graduate from the program.

Students, who have not met the course requirements or other requirements of the Respiratory Therapy Program, must apply for readmission to the Program for the following year.

**Graduation Requirements**

The general requirements for an Associate of Applied Science degree from Jefferson College are:

1. All respiratory course work must be completed at Jefferson College.
2. The completion of minimum requirements specified for Respiratory Therapy degree.
3. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (average) or better for respiratory course work.
4. Approval of a candidate for a degree by Respiratory Therapy faculty and administration.

**Graduation**

Students must pass the N.B.R.C. Pretest/Respiratory Therapy Program Exit Exam. (This is in addition to the Jefferson College exit exam.)