Licensure as a Respiratory Therapist

The N.B.R.C. determines eligibility requirements for candidates who apply to take the N.B.R.C test throughout the nation. Respiratory Therapy licensure is under the control of the Missouri State Board of Professional Registration for Missouri Respiratory Therapy Care Practitioners. Among the requirements of the Missouri State Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners are the following:

1. Successful completion of an approved program of Respiratory Therapy. However, completion of the program does not guarantee eligibility to sit for the N.B.R.C. exam. The student must submit to a criminal background check and fingerprints prior to receiving state licensure.

2. Completion of the applications for licensure including:
   a. legal name and all other names used (i.e., maiden name, etc.)
   b. high school graduation date – GED
   c. explanation of circumstances regarding previous applications/licensure
   d. explanation of any crime that has resulted in a conviction (excluding traffic violations)
   e. explanation of conviction of any traffic offense resulting from or related to the use of drugs or alcohol
   f. explanation of addiction to any drug or alcohol
   g. submission of non-refundable fees
   h. attachment of recent portrait style photographs for identification purposes

State Licensure Information

In the state of Missouri, graduates must be licensed as respiratory care practitioners by the state to practice respiratory therapy. Passage of the CRT examination offered by the NBRC is required for state licensure in Missouri. However, Jefferson College does not control the state licensure requirements in Missouri or in any other state, and cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to work as respiratory therapists in Missouri or any other state, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.