**Student Employment**

The Respiratory Therapy faculty strongly encourages Respiratory Therapy students not to plan on outside employment when entering the Respiratory Therapy program. A great deal of time will be devoted to the adjustment to college work in this specialized area. Alertness in the classroom and the clinical areas is imperative for your academic and clinical success and for patient safety. Students with financial needs should make application for aid in the Student Financial Services Department of the College. If it is imperative that you work, the number of hours you wish to work should be discussed with your faculty advisor, taking into consideration your class load as well as your academic and clinical standing. You are required to be in class, so schedule work hours to avoid interfering with class time. Employment will not be considered an excuse for class absence or tardiness. Should you have a serious financial problem, please let this be known to your faculty advisor, so that we can direct you to other available resources.

It is highly recommended that a respiratory therapy student not work more than 16 hours per week in outside employment. It is important to remember that as you progress through the respiratory therapy program, additional time may be required for clinical work.