



A Bachelor's Degree Pathway for Respiratory Therapists

As an RT, you have more than half the credits needed to complete the Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences at Appalachian State University.

Helping You Go Further, Faster

- **Seamless Transition:** This program allows individuals with a health-related AAS degree, like RTs, to seamlessly transition to a bachelor's degree, maximizing previous coursework.
- **Flexible and Fast:** Complete this degree online or in person at our Boone or Hickory campuses. Most full-time students graduate within two years.
- **Career-Ready:** Graduates pursue career paths in management, public health, education, and more, while also building a strong foundation for graduate school.

The **BS in Health Sciences** gives you the flexibility to choose courses that align with **your goals**. For the Health Sciences core, all students will select three courses (including a senior year capstone) in either Public Health or Health Care Management, and one writing course. The remaining credits will vary depending upon your prior coursework and future goals.

Admissions Requirements

- An AAS degree in a health-related field from a NC Community College
- A GPA of 2.25 or higher on previous college coursework

Application Deadlines

- Fall Entry: August 1
- Spring Entry: December 1
- Summer Entry: April 1

Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences Program of Study

Remaining General Education Credits

23 Credit Hours

- Most Respiratory Therapists will still need:
 - 2 credits of Wellness
 - 1 credit of Math
 - 8 credits of Natural Sciences
 - 12 credits of Humanities
- These courses are taken at Appalachian as part of the BS in Health Sciences
- Courses needed may vary by student

All students need the following to complete a 4 year degree:

- 6 credits of English
- 2 credits of Wellness
- 4 credits of Math
- 8 credits of Natural Sciences
- 3 credits of Humanities:
 - Sustainability and Climate Literacy (SCL)
 - Intercultural Literacy (ICL)
 - Humanities (HUM)
 - Fine Arts (FA)
 - Historical Studies (HS)
 - Literary Studies (LS)
 - Social Sciences (SS)

Health Sciences Core Requirements

12 Credit Hours

Select one Area of Focus (9 hours) plus one Writing in the Discipline (3 hours)

Area of Focus (Choose HCM or PH)	Writing in the Discipline (Choose One)
Health Care Management (HCM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HCM 2110 - Introduction to Health System Organization (3)• HCM 2130 - Managing Health Care Organizations (3)• HS 4950- Health Sciences Capstone (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COM 3312 - Crisis Communication (3)• COM 3341 Communication Ethics (3)• CTE 3340 - Business Communications (3)• ENG 3100 Business Writing (3)• P_H 3800 - Public Health Interventions I (3) * <p><i>*Only available for Public Health Area of Focus</i></p>
Public Health (PH) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P_H 2000 - Introduction to Public Health (3)• P_H 3250 - Community Health (3)• HS 4950 Health Sciences Capstone (3)	

Other Related Areas

9 Credit Hours

- For the **Other Related Areas and Electives**, students can select from courses specific to their area of interest.
 - Public Health
 - Healthcare Management
 - Sociology
 - Social Work
 - Exercise Science
 - Philosophy
 - Supply Chain Management
 - Marketing
 - Nutrition
 - Biology
- Students must complete 6-9 hours of 3000-level or above from Other Related Areas.
- Customizable “one size fits one” curriculum

Elective Courses

Credit Hours Needed Will Vary By Student

In many instances, Health Sciences students can **complete a minor** using their “**Other Related Areas**” and **elective** courses:

- Health Care Management
- Public Health
- Health and Aging
- Medical Humanities
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Nutrition and Food

ESTIMATED COSTS

Online

	NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT (SPRING AND FALL)	NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL)
TUITION AND FEES	\$5,495	\$6,870

**Fees are per year and include the textbook rental program*

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