Respiratory Therapy Program
ADVANCED STANDING POLICY

This policy is provided to allow guidelines for the evaluation of entering or transferring students’ transcripts.

The Respiratory Therapy Program at Dixie State University is a registry-level program. This policy is provided to allow advanced standing for students who
1) possess a C.R.T credential from an accredited program and who wish to pursue registry-eligible status; or
2) are program applicants but may request advanced-standing based on having satisfied selected prerequisite courses from an accredited institution; or
3) have attended an accredited respiratory therapy education program but have not earned the CRT credential.

APPLICANTS:
1) A student who wishes to waive a program prerequisite or a respiratory therapy course based on comparable course(s) from an accredited institution must provide a transcript with a posted grade of “C” or better in the course(s) and catalog description(s) for the course(s);
2) The Program Director will review the course description(s) for the course(s) under consideration for advanced standing;
3) Program selection criteria limits the use of prerequisite courses that have been taken more than 7 years prior to the anticipated date of admission to the Program;
4) If the Program Director is satisfied that the course(s) are comparable in content and are within the 7-year window for acceptance as prerequisite(s) or as a substitution for a current program course, the Program Director will initiate and authorize a “Course Substitution Form,” authorizing the Graduation Office to recognize the course(s) as meeting program graduation requirements.

CRT-to-RRT Applicants:
1) A C.R.T. who has graduated from an accredited respiratory therapy program and possesses a C.R.T. credential must provide a resume of work experience and complete transcripts and course descriptions from their C.R.T. program;
2) The program Director will evaluate the basic science, English, mathematics, and computer literacy courses and refer the student to college Academic Advising for specific transferability and equivalency of these courses;
3) The Program Director will review the respiratory therapy courses for equivalency to Dixie State University courses (all equivalent courses must have a posted grade of “C” or better to merit advanced-standing credit);
4) The Program Director will review the resume and course descriptions and interview the candidate. Based on this evaluation, specific course credit may be granted and posted to the candidate’s DSU transcript via a Course Substitution Form authorized by the Program Director;
5) Based on the evaluation [#4], specific clinical skills may be waived and the candidate may be allowed to enter the DSU program in the 3rd semester of the program.