

The attached materials provide an application submission guide for the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) Respiratory Therapy program. Please read all of the application carefully. In order for your application to be considered, all steps must be completed and required materials submitted via email as one PDF document to the School of Health Sciences. See further submission instructions below.

Respiratory therapists are vital members of the healthcare team who assess, treat, and care for patients with cardiopulmonary disorders. They use advanced technology and clinical expertise to administer therapeutic interventions, manage ventilators, and evaluate the effectiveness of treatments. Students successfully completing respiratory therapy education will be prepared to pursue careers in a wide variety of settings, including hospitals, emergency departments, intensive care units, clinics, and home care environments across the nation.

The CBC Respiratory Therapy program is a selective admission and competitive entrance program. You must apply to the College and then apply to the program. Applicants are screened according to timely coursework completion and grades. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the start of the program.

Applicants are encouraged to attend at least one information session. At these sessions an advisor will describe the program, the prerequisites, and the application process and students will be able to ask program specific questions. This enables the student to understand details of the program before making the commitment of time and money towards this education. A reservation is not necessary to attend. Information session dates and times are located on the following webpage: www.columbiabasin.edu/infosessions

CBC's Respiratory Therapy program is an eight-quarter program beginning in the fall of each year. During the course of the program, enrolled students gain extensive hands-on training and acquire more than 400 hours of clinical and simulation work at healthcare facilities and through laboratory experiences.

Upon successful completion of all degree and program requirements, students will obtain a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Respiratory Therapy and be eligible to take the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination provided by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

Please read and complete all sections of the application. Submit the completed application and required documentation as one PDF via email to healthsciences@columbiabasin.edu before 4:30pm on May 10, 2026. If your prerequisites were taken at CBC, you do not need to submit your transcripts. Applications must be received as a complete package. Incomplete applications will not be considered or reviewed.

Applications received after 4:30pm on May 10, 2026, will not be considered.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST**General Application**

1. Completed Complete a college admissions application or be a current student at CBC
2. Completed Respiratory Therapy Application Check List (page 2)
3. Completed Application coversheet for admission to Respiratory Therapy (page 3)
4. Completed Student Course Self-Assessment (page 4)
5. Completed Information Session attendance (highly recommended)

Date attended information session: _____

Transcripts

6. Completed - Official college transcripts transferred to Columbia Basin College
 - Transcripts must be received and evaluated by the Columbia Basin College Student Records Office no later than May 22, 2026. Transcripts from other colleges may be submitted with the CBC admissions application prior to program application. This will expedite the transcript evaluation.
 - Students who have taken classes at Columbia Basin College do not need to include a transcript from CBC. The Student Records Office will provide a current copy of your transcript to us for this application.
 - Prerequisites must be completed by the end of winter quarter 2026, if on a quarter system, or completed by the end of fall semester 2025 if on a semester system. Spring quarter and spring semester classes from 2026 will not be counted for the 2026 application process.

Additional Information

7. Attached completion of a Tri-Tech Skills Center program, ALTA test results, degree transcripts, or documentation of honorable US Military discharge.
 - Students who have successfully completed the Tri-Tech Skills Center: Pre-Physical Therapy program will receive one bonus point on their admission index score.
 - Applicants that are working as a Respiratory Therapy Intern at a sponsoring medical facility will receive one additional point.
 - Veterans who have an honorable discharge as documented by a DD-214 will receive one additional point towards their admission index score.
 - Completion of the ALTA Exam for Speaking & Listening or ALTA Exam for Reading scoring of greater or equal to a score of 8 will receive one additional point on their admission index score. Only one point will be awarded for completion of either exam.
 - Students that have completed a Bachelor's degree from another university or college will receive one additional point towards their admission index score.
 - Finalists will be provided with information to complete a 5-10-minute video essay (page 9)
 - Extra points may stack together. **Maximum of two bonus points possible.**

Applications will be accepted until 4:30pm on May 10, 2026. No priority is given for applications based on time and date of submission. Applications received after 4:30pm are considered late and will **not** be considered.

Post Acceptance Requirements

Students accepted into the program will be required to:

1. Participate in a criminal background history review. Criminal history background information is required for all Respiratory Therapy students per clinical contracts. Information obtained will be considered in determining student eligibility to complete clinical coursework. Inability to participate in clinical experiences due to the information obtained from the background check may result in the student's inability to complete program degree requirements. Any infraction while enrolled in the Respiratory Therapy program must be self-reported to the program director.
2. Complete a 12-panel drug screen.
3. Have all Health Sciences required immunizations and keep them up to date, some are yearly.
4. Maintain a current American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR card/certificate.

The above requirements are at the cost of the student. Accepted students will receive further information and instructions about completing these requirements.

Columbia Basin College is an equal opportunity institution. Learn more at <https://www.columbiabasin.edu/eo>.

Columbia Basin College provides equal opportunity in education, employment and college activities regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, parental status, creed, religion, military status, or any other unlawful basis. For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, contact Vice President for Human Resource & Legal Affairs, Title IX/EEO Coordinator, vphr@columbiabasin.edu, 509-542-5548. Mailing address: 2600 N. 20th Ave., Pasco, WA 99301

**APPLICATION COVERSHEET
APPLICATION DUE BY MAY 10, 2026****Demographic Information**

| | | | |
|-----------|-------|--------|------------------|
| Last Name | First | Middle | Previous Name(s) |
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| Address | City | State | Zip |
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| Phone (cell) | Phone (home) |
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CBC Student Email Address (required)**Prior Education**

If high school equivalency through GED, state where and when test was taken.

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| Location | Date |
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Have you ever attended any school of Respiratory Therapy? Yes No If yes, complete the following:

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|----------------|------|-------|-----|-------------------|
| Name of School | City | State | Zip | Date From/Date to |
|----------------|------|-------|-----|-------------------|

Programs or Degrees Completed

Reason for Leaving**Applicant Signature**

I have read all the criteria and requirements for the Columbia Basin College Respiratory Therapy program and certify the information contained within this application is accurate and complete to the best of my ability.

Applicant Name (Print)

CBC Student ID

Applicant Signature

Date

PREREQUISITE COURSE SELF-ASSESSMENT

Please complete the following self-assessment checklist. Columbia Basin College courses are listed; however, if you have taken courses from another college or university, please identify the course name, number, college or university, and grade in the appropriate space provided.

** CBC students must also fill out the prerequisite information below.

| | Requirement | CBC Course | Completed | Course Name/Number | College/University | Grade |
|-----|--|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. | Anatomy/Physiology I* with Lab | BIOL& 241 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 2. | Anatomy/Physiology II* with Lab | BIOL& 242 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 3. | Introduction to Chemistry with Lab | CHEM& 121 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 4. | Introduction to Organic Chemistry with Lab | CHEM& 122 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 5. | Introduction to Statistics | MATH& 146 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 6. | English | ENGL& 101 or ENGL& 102 or ENGL& 235 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 7. | General Psychology or Lifespan Psychology | PSYC& 100 or PSYC& 200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 8. | Medical Terminology (5 credits) | HSCI 147 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 9. | Communication Studies (5 credits) | CMST& 101 or CMST& 211 or CMST& 220 or CMST& 260 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| 10. | Microbiology with Lab | BIOL&260 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | |

*Courses that have a separate lab and lecture course grade will have an average grade calculated for utilization within the Admissions Index Score (Anatomy & Physiology 1 and 2).

I certify the above information is accurate and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

ADMISSION INDEX SCORE

The Columbia Basin College Respiratory Therapy program utilizes several elements for initial review of applicants seeking entrance into the program. Those elements include (A) cumulative grade point average among selected prerequisite courses and (B) points awarded for all prerequisites. Potential bonus points (C) are given for select additional criteria. Each of these elements is outlined further below. Scores on each element will be combined to form the applicant’s initial Admission Index Score based on a total of 20 possible points (plus possible bonus points).

Each prerequisite course must be passed with a minimum grade of 2.0 for students to be considered for the Respiratory Therapy program. Winter quarter will be the cut off for classes for this application period, spring quarter classes will not count towards the 2026 application. All transcripts must be sent to CBC Student Records by May 22, 2026.

When a student submits the application for the program, the initial Admissions Index Score will be computed and recorded for class cohort comparison. Students with the highest final Admissions Index Scores will be notified for an additional video essay before acceptance into the program. The program accepts 18 students per year.

A. Cumulative Grade Point

The cumulative grade point of the following courses will be calculated for the Admissions Index Score.

1. BIOL& 241/241L (Anatomy & Physiology I)
2. BIOL& 242/242L (Anatomy & Physiology II)
3. BIOL& 260
4. MATH& 146
5. CHEM& 122
6. ENGL& 101, 102, or 235 (English)

The cumulative GPA (from a total possible cumulative score of 4.0) will be multiplied by a factor of 2.5 for 10 total possible points.

Letter grades (including those received from transferring colleges or universities) will be assigned the following decimal scores according to our campus policy: A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1.0, D- = 0.7

B. Points awarded for all prerequisite courses

The following points can be awarded for each prerequisite:

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|-----------------------|----|
| BIOL& 241 | 5 |
| BIOL& 242 | 5 |
| BIOL& 160 | 5 |
| CHEM& 121 | 5 |
| CHEM& 122 | 5 |
| PSYC& 100 or 200 | 3 |
| HSCI 147 | 3 |
| ENGL& 101, 102 or 235 | 3 |
| MATH& 146 | 3 |
| Total possible points | 37 |

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| Points will be awarded according to the GPA earned: |
| Biology and Chemistry - 4.0-3.4 (5pts), 3.3-2.7 (4pts), 2.6-2.0 (3pts) |
| General Education - 4.0-3.4 (3 pts), 3.3-2.7 (2 pts), 2.6-2.0 (1pt) |

Prerequisite score will be total earned divided by a factor of 3.7 for a total of 10 possible points.

Example Computation

| Element | Raw Score | Function | Factor | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| GPA | 4 | Multiply | 2.5 | 10.000 |
| Points for all Prerequisites | 7 | Divide by | 3.7 | 10.000 |

Example Student 1

| Element | Raw Score | Function | Factor | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| GPA | 3.76 | Multiply | 2.5 | 9.400 |
| Points for all Prerequisites | 33 | Divide by | 3.7 | 8.891 |
| Total Admissions Index Score | | | | 18.291 |

Example Student 1

| Element | Raw Score | Function | Factor | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| GPA | 3.98 | Multiply | 2.5 | 9.943 |
| Points for all Prerequisites | 31 | Divide by | 3.7 | 8.337 |
| Total Admissions Index Score | | | | 18.280 |

Example Student 1

| Element | Raw Score | Function | Factor | Total |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| GPA | 2.79 | Multiply | 2.5 | 6.975 |
| Points for all Prerequisites | 28 | Divide by | 3.7 | 7.567 |
| Total Admissions Index Score | | | | 14.542 |

The Respiratory Therapy Admissions Index Score helps to provide objectivity among student applicants. Overall, the Respiratory Therapy Admissions Index Score computation provides a dynamic index of comparison for students applying to the Columbia Basin College Respiratory Therapy program.

C. Bonus Points

Applicants may earn bonus points toward their admission index score by meeting one or more of the following criteria: completion of the Tri-Tech Skills Center Pre-Physical Therapy program, achieving a qualifying ALTA exam score, holding an earned bachelor’s degree, or providing documentation of an honorable U.S. Military discharge or currently serving. **Maximum of two possible bonus points.**

Example Computation

| Element | Total |
|------------------------|--------|
| Admissions Index Score | 16.475 |
| Bonus point | 1.000 |
| Final Score | 17.475 |

ESTIMATED PROGRAM EXPENSES 2025-2026

All stated costs are subject to change. However, the following figures may be used as a general guideline to assist applicants in preparing for the costs associated with the CBC Respiratory Therapy Program.

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| Tuition & College fees per quarter (WA Resident*) | | |
| Fall | 17 credits | \$3,062.00 |
| Winter | 17 credits | \$3,062.00 |
| Spring | 16 credits | \$3,033.00 |
| Summer | 13 credits | \$2,938.00 |
| Fall | 19 credits | \$3,349.00 |
| Winter | 18 credits | \$3,062.00 |
| Spring | 17 credits | \$3,091.00 |
| Summer | 12 credits | \$2,905.00 |
| Total | | \$24,502.00 |
| Lab and Clinical Course Fees for Each Quarter | | |
| Malpractice (\$10.72 per quarter for 6 quarters) | | \$65.00 |
| Lab (\$11.40 per quarter for 8 quarters) | | \$92.00 |
| Total for Eight Quarters | | \$157.00 |
| Additional Costs | | |
| Books | | \$1,400.00 |
| Scrubs (two pairs) | | \$110.00 |
| Shoes | | \$50.00 |
| Clinical Trac Program | | \$285.00 |
| Immunizations (approx.) | | \$400.00 |
| Drug Screen | | \$50.00 |
| Background Check/Immunization Tracker | | \$175.00 |
| American Heart Association BLS CPR Card | | \$100.00 |
| Total Additional Costs | | \$2,535.00 |
| Total Estimated Cost Respiratory Therapy Program | | \$27,214.00 |

Additional Costs:

- National Board for Respiratory Care examination fees are approximately \$400.
- Immunization costs will vary depending on vaccine or tests that are needed.

Costs as of February 2026