



Department of Respiratory Care & Health Information
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Dear Prospective Student:

We are pleased that you are interested in Tennessee State University's Bachelor of Science in Cardiorespiratory Care Sciences program. Respiratory Care is an outstanding, in-demand healthcare career that provides several employment prospects.

If you are not currently a student at TSU, please complete the university application at <https://www.tnstate.edu/admissions/apply1.aspx>. After acceptance to TSU, you may complete the enclosed CRCS Program application and send it to the Cardio-Respiratory Care Sciences Program, Tennessee State University, Campus Box 9527, Nashville, TN, 37209 (or scan and email it to crc@tnstate.edu). In addition, please ask two of your faculty members (preferably current or previous professors) to complete the enclosed recommendation forms and send the form directly to the CRCS Program email address provided on the form. The faculty member may include a letter of recommendation with the form.

The Cardio-Respiratory Care program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Successful graduates of the program receive a B.S. degree with a major in Cardiorespiratory Care Sciences and are eligible to take the Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentialing examinations from the National Board of Respiratory Care.

Admission is competitive, and only those who qualify will be approached for an interview. The deadline for selection for the fall semester is May 30, 2026. Please review the CRCS application for instructions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (615) 963-1240 or email: crc@tnstate.edu.

Sincerely,

Brenda K. Batts, MPH, RRT, NPS, RRT
Assistant Professor and Interim Program Director of Cardiorespiratory Care Sciences

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

CARDIO RESPIRATORY CARE SCIENCES PROGRAM

Department of Respiratory Care
College of Health Sciences
Tennessee State University

Application for Admission
Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences Program
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit the following application materials for consideration for admission to the Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences Program.

- **Application for admission to the Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences Program (application should be received January 1st through May 20th (for the Fall Semester) of the same year.**

NOTE: Admission to Tennessee State University is separate application; this process must be completed before being considered for admission to the Cardio Respiratory Care Sciences Program. The Office of Admission and Records will notify you of your acceptance into the University.

- **One official copy of transcripts for all post-secondary education institutions attended.**

NOTE: You will need to request a total of two official copies of your transcripts from each institution attended – one copy must be submitted to the Office of Admissions/Records and one copy must be submitted to the Cardio Respiratory Sciences Care Program.

- **Two (2) recommendation from completed by 2 individuals (non-family members, such as faculty or supervisor) who know the applicant's character and suitability for working in a healthcare profession (forms must be sent directly by evaluator; recommendations sent by the applicant will not be accepted).**

Call the Cardio Respiratory Care Department at 615-963-7431 for more information about the program, or go to www.tnstate.edu/cardio. You may contact the following departments for specific information regarding:

TSU Admissions	Office of Admissions	615-963-5101
Scholarships, Grants, & Loans	Office of Financial Aid	615-963-5701

RESPIRATORY CARE LICENSE AND /OR CREDENTIALS HELD:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CREDENTIAL EARNED	YEAR EARNED

Write and Attach a Personal Essay

Provide an autobiographical sketch and include a discussion of your interests; relate what led you to choose a career as a Respiratory Care Practitioner; and state your future intentions once you have completed the program. **Please type your response and attach to application.**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

For Office Use Only:

Approved by:	Reason:
Rejected by:	Date of Decision:

FACULTY EVALUATION OF STUDENT

OVERALL ACADEMIC STRENGTH	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
GOOD ATTENDANCE	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown

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SELF-ESTEEM	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
RELIABILITY & HONESTY	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
PERSEVERANCE	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE	1 Poor	2	3 Average	4	5 Superior	0 Unknown

What is your attitude toward having this applicant in a position of responsibility?

☐ Strongly Recommended

☐ Recommended

☐ Not recommended

Your additional observations are welcome on a separate letter. We especially appreciate comments regarding the applicant's ability and motivation for the study of respiratory therapy, including decision-making and caring for patients.

Signature and Title

Date