

## **RESPIRATORY CARE PROGRAM - APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

**Applications will be considered at any time for the next program start date!  
The checklist below will help with the application process.**

**1. Apply for general admission to Gulf Coast State College (IF NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED)**

Call 850.872.3892 or visit GCSC Enrollment Services to receive information regarding the college admissions process. There is an application fee, and online applications are available at:

[https://connect.gulfcoast.edu/portal/application\\_portal](https://connect.gulfcoast.edu/portal/application_portal).

*Note: While working on admission to this program, you may choose the HLSC – AA, Health Sciences, General Education as your major only if you intend to complete that separate degree either before or after this limited access program. To request a major change, visit <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/forms.html>, and click on Program Major Change Form*

**Returning students who have not attended GCSC in the past year must reapply for admission.**

**2. New students complete a free College Orientation. This orientation may be completed on campus or online.** The online instructions can be found at: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/new-student-orientation/index.html>. Orientation must be completed to register for courses.

**3. Submit a completed Respiratory Care Program application (including the Technical Standards form) online at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/academics/academic-division/health-sciences/respiratory-care/index.html> by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on June 1, 2026.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their folder is **complete prior to the published application date deadline**. This includes Optional Enhancement Points paperwork (see below).

**4. Request OFFICIAL High School transcripts, or equivalent GED scores, and have them sent to GCSC Enrollment Services.** For high school seniors, conditional acceptance can be granted before graduation. However, a high school diploma must be received immediately upon graduation.

*Note: Official transcripts are those sent directly from other institutions attended to Enrollment Services at GCSC. Transcripts mailed by you, faxed by you, or hand-delivered by you are not considered official transcripts.*

**5. Request OFFICIAL transcripts from all colleges attended, and have them sent to GCSC Enrollment Services.** These must be received and evaluated by Enrollment Services before the application can be considered.

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**6. Demonstrate competency in Math / Algebra, English, and Reading using one of the following methods:**

Subject	CLT	PERT	ACT	SAT	College Course
Math/Algebra	16	114	19	480 24 (old)	Eligibility for or successful completion of a 3-credit minimum course with prefix MAC, MGF, or STA. (Flexible placement does not apply.)
English	38	103	17	490 in Critical Reading or 24 (old)	Eligibility for ENC 1101 English Composition I or successful completion of the course. (Flexible placement does not apply.)
Reading	38	106	19		

If the applicant wishes to use test scores to demonstrate competency for any of the above, and the test was not administered at Gulf Coast State College, the applicant must have an OFFICIAL score report sent to the GCSC testing office. **The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the test scores are received and posted to their GCSC computer record by 11:59 p.m., C.S.T., on JUNE 1, 2026.** The PERT is administered in Student Union West, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor testing area, and may be taken two times per semester. The cost is \$9.00 per testing session. Please consult the Placement Testing Schedule at [testingcenter@gulfcoast.edu](https://www.registerblast.com/gcsc/Exam>List</a>, call (850) 873-3594, or email <a href=) for additional information.

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**After Conditional Acceptance into the Respiratory Care Program,** students will need to satisfactorily complete the following by the first day of class.

- a. Creation of a PreCheck/SentryMD account** at the student's expense (\$ 75.00) – specific instructions will be provided in your acceptance packet.
- b. Satisfactory fingerprint/criminal background check** at student's expense (\$ 85.00) – specific instructions will be provided in your acceptance packet.
- c. Current GCSC Physical Examination (less than a year old) and GCSC Immunization Forms,** with satisfactory results signed by a physician are required for the Respiratory Care Program. The GCSC forms to be used will be included in the acceptance packet and available in PreCheck/SentryMD.
- d. Current TB Skin Test, TB blood test, or current chest x-ray report** (less than a year old) are required for the Respiratory Care Program. The form will be included in the acceptance packet.
- e. Copy of current, valid American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR certification for Healthcare Provider and maintain current certification throughout the program.**
- f. A 10-panel urine drug screen** at the student's expense – specific instructions will be provided in your acceptance packet.