ABOUT THE PROGRAM
This baccalaureate degree program prepares students for careers in Respiratory Therapy. The Ball State University program is offered in cooperation with IU Health in Indianapolis. The program is divided into two components. The first (General Studies) component is completed on the BSU campus in Muncie, Indiana. The second (Professional Studies) component is offered in Indianapolis at IU Health Methodist Hospital with clinical sites throughout Central Indiana.

OCCUPATIONAL DESCRIPTION
Respiratory therapists help evaluate, treat, rehabilitate and educate to prevent and manage cardiopulmonary diseases. Procedures performed by therapists include: environmental control, drug therapy, bronchopulmonary clearance techniques, and administration of medical gases. Practitioners also provide ventilator support, pulmonary rehabilitation and CPR. They are skilled in airway maintenance, procurement and analysis of arterial blood gas samples and in the performance of pulmonary function tests. Respiratory Therapists work primarily in hospitals caring for patients in nurseries, medical and surgical units, adult and pediatric intensive care units, and emergency rooms. Employment opportunities also are available in nursing homes and rehabilitation hospitals, in organizations providing home care, physicians’ offices and clinics, and in commercial organizations that manufacture and distribute medical supplies.

PROGRAM ADMISSION, APPLICATION PROCESS, & ACCEPTANCE
Students may enter the General Studies portion of the program upon admission to the university; however, admission to the university does not guarantee acceptance to the Professional Studies phase of the program. Students may apply for admission to the Professional Studies portion of the program when the following requirements are met:

- 28 hours of required courses are completed
- 10 of these completed hours are in required math/science courses
- “C” or better in required math/science courses
- 2.5 overall GPA

Applications may be obtained in the Department of Nutrition and Health Science office in CL 325. Complete the application, follow the instructions, and attach the following: 1) a current Ball State University DegreeWorks Student report including fall semester grades and current registration for spring semester; 2) current, official BSU transcript including fall semester grades and current registration for spring semester; and 3) transcripts from any other colleges or universities attended. Only one application per student. All application materials must be received in the Department of Nutrition & Health Science no later than 5:00 PM local time (EST) on January 10. In the event January 10 falls on a weekend, the due date will be extended to the next business day. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Due to the limited number of clinical phase spaces available, all students who meet the minimum requirements may not be admitted to the Professional Studies portion of the program. Qualified applicants will be required to meet with program faculty in Indianapolis before final selections are made.

Students who are offered a spot in the clinical phase of the program are admitted on a conditional basis. This means that the minimum requirements that were necessary to apply to the clinical phase of the program must be maintained in order to keep the offered spot in the clinicals. If, at any time after being offered a position in the clinical phase of the program, a student’s overall GPA falls below a 2.50 or if they receive less than a “C” in a math or science course (students cannot receive a C-), their offer of admission will be withdrawn immediately, and the spot in the program will be reassigned. A student who has been dismissed from the Program may not apply for readmission. Under special circumstances, a waiver may be requested by the program faculty and forwarded to the University Department Chair for action.

QUALIFICATION
Qualified applicants will be ranked based on their cumulative GPA and must attain a minimum oral communication cut score for the admission interview. ALL undergraduate college credit attempted will be included in the computation of the GPA, including all attempted transfer hours.

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GENERAL STUDIES—64 TO 66 HRS

The General Studies component includes 64 to 66 semester hours taken at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. This phase of the program may be started during any semester; however, some courses are offered only during certain semesters each year. All required courses must be taken for credit on a letter-grade basis. The Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE 392) must be completed before beginning clinicals, if admitted.

FOLLOWING THIS CHECKLIST ALONG WITH YOUR DEGREEWORKS STUDENT REPORT WILL ENSURE COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM & RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. Graduates of the program receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy, and are eligible to take the entry-level and advanced-practitioner examinations offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC).

Successful completion of each examination allows the graduate to use credentials recognized throughout the nation. Graduates are also eligible to take licensing examinations required in most states. Those states, including Indiana, which require licensure as part of their credentialing process use the entry-level examination offered by the NBRC.

Persons who have been convicted of a crime may wish to contact the Program Director prior to entering the program to determine if they are likely to become licensed upon completion of the baccalaureate degree. However, please be aware that the final decision lies with the state licensing board.

For more information about the National Board for Respiratory Care, visit: www.nbrc.org