



Dear Successful Applicant:

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

You have been successful in securing a position within the Respiratory Therapy Program here at St. Clair College.

This program is an over-subscribed program at St. Clair College, and we are very pleased to offer you the opportunity to begin your study of this exciting field with us.

It is imperative to your success that, before accepting this position, you are aware of the challenges involved. The course is intensely delivered over a period of three years of study. During this time, you will be required to complete mandatory clinical placement rotations.

In year 2 of the program, five (5) 8-hour shifts are scheduled at different clinical sites in Windsor-Essex County. These observation days allow students to experience the wide variety of clinical atmospheres related to the profession.

In year 3 of the program, both Fall and Winter semesters consist of full-time clinical placement. These rotations are located throughout the province of Ontario. Costs incurred during these clinical placements will be the responsibility of the student and will include housing and travel expenses. In addition, the student must provide their own transportation to and from the clinical site daily.

Once again, we welcome you to the program and look forward to assisting you on the road to a rewarding career in Respiratory Therapy.

Best regards,

School of Health Sciences

## Things to Do:

*Review the entire Respiratory Therapy webpage. There is lots of information about the program located under the various tabs.*

<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/respiratory-therapy>

1. **Health Requirements**-Please visit the “PLACEMENT” tab on the Respiratory Therapy webpage for information.
2. **Review the Physical Demands Analysis** – This provides an excellent overview of physical activity that will be experienced in this profession. Find this information on the program webpage under “MORE INFO” tab.

3. **Purchase your uniform St. Clair College South Campus Bookstore.**

<https://www.stclaircollege.ca/student-services/on-campus-services/bookstore>

Uniforms will be worn throughout all three (3) years of your education, including your lab courses and clinical placements. I would encourage all students to double check the fit of their uniform—assuring the ability to sit, bend, crouch, and reach... while maintaining proper coverage. Only  $\frac{3}{4}$  length white or black t-shirt may be worn underneath if desired – NO hoodies or sweatshirts. **The uniform is to be always worn in the lab and while on clinical placements. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

4. **Books**- The Respiratory Therapy program uses E-books to provide ease of access and cost-savings. Many of the texts in this package are used throughout the entire program and are integral to student success. The semester one (1) E-book package is in the South Campus Bookstore under the **course code RES 112**. The mandatory Lab Textbook is in hard copy and will be found under **course code RES 110** – “Basic Clinical Competencies for Respiratory Care” (Delmar).

5. The following are the course codes for first semester classes:

**RES 105 – Applied Basic Science**

**RES 108 – Medical Terminology Online (Course and text included in E-book package)**

**RES 109 – Professional Issues**

**RES 110 – Medical Gas Therapy (lecture/lab combo)**

**RES 111 – Anatomy and Physiology**

**RES 112 – Respiratory Care I (lecture/lab combo)**

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6. **Standard First Aid & BLS CPR from a WSIB approved agency.** Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada certified instructor is highly recommended to comply with future certifications in PALS and ACLS. **Ask your provider about credentials prior to registering for this annual training.**

7. **N95 Mask Fit Testing-** Considering community outbreaks such as SARS in 2004, influenza, COVID-19, and other airborne infectious diseases, N95 / respirator use, and proper fit is important for all health care providers. **As such, students are required to be mask FIT tested every two years.**

The St. Clair College continuing education will offer mask fit testing yearly. Please see their webpage for more information. <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/continued/courses/n95-mask-fit-testing-hsc-133n> There are also several community providers that you may use. Each student will be given a card with the N95 mask number and testing date. FIT testing takes approximately 15 minutes per student.

