

Respiratory Care Program (020A)

APPLICATION PLANNING GUIDE

Selection of qualified applicants for the Respiratory Care Program will be based upon a numerical ranking procedure, using ACT scores or GPA, high school and/or college grades and percentage of those general education courses required for graduation completed prior to admission with a grade of "B" or better. The program capacity is 25. There is no waiting lists carried over from previous years; applications are made each year.

Applications for Fall 2009 admission into the Respiratory Care program **are available from September 1, 2008 thru April 1, 2009**. This planning guide can help applicants develop a plan of readiness for when the application period is open. Further information about program requirements and expectations should be reviewed in the College Catalog and/or at www.swic.edu

Section A – Prerequisites to Application - PRIORITY

It is MANDATORY to have completed all pre-requisite courses (BIOLOGY, ALGEBRA & CHEMISTRY) by the end of the Fall 2008 semester – unless the application period has been extended.

How POINTS are assigned on the application to Pre-requisite courses:

- Use the most recent grade(s) for each subject. If you are currently enrolled, enter "CE" for "grade" and estimate the points you will earn.
- Any **grades used should be within 10 years of April 1, 2009** admission for Fall 2009 admission.
- Two semesters of a state board of education approved high school credit or one semester of college credit with "C" or better each semester is required.

Points Key		
If your most recent grades are:		
High School Biol/Alg/Chem	College Biol/Alg/Chem	Then your points for each area will be:
A/A	A	4.0
A/B or B/A		3.5
B/B or A/C	B	3.0
B/C or C/B		2.5
C/C	C	2.0

Institution <u>Course Taken</u>	Semester/Year <u>Completed</u>	Grade(s) <u>Earned</u>	Points (use key)
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Biology _____ /4 pt. max
College courses must = Southwestern's 100, 101, 102, **105**, 155, 156, 157, or 158.

Chemistry _____ /4 pt. max
College courses must = Southwestern's 101, 103, 105 or 106.

Algebra _____ /4 pt. max
College courses must = Southwestern's 94, 97, 107, 111, 112 or 113.

Total Points Section A: _____ /12 pt. max

Suggestions for increasing points earned in Pre-requisites Section:

- Complete all pre-requisite courses in high school/college by the end of the Fall 2008 semester.
- The higher the grade earned in these pre-requisite courses, the more points are generated on the application. If you earn a "C", consider retaking the course prior to the Fall 2008 semester. No grade lower than a "C" is accepted. You have the potential to earn the greatest amount of points from this section of the application.
- The COMPASS test is required prior to enrolling in college level pre-requisite courses. Schedule the COMPASS test as soon as possible to determine if developmental coursework is required for your enrollment in these courses and to assess if you have the level of math, reading & writing required to successfully complete the program. Sample questions are available at www.act.org/compass/sample/index.html and the Math section of the Success Center website at www.swic.edu/successcenter/info.jsp
- The most recent grades are utilized, so if the most recent course has a low grade, consider re-taking.
- If you didn't complete Biology in high school, enroll in college level BIO 105. It will generate points as a pre-requisite course and if a grade of "B" or better is earned, points in the general education section of the application also.

Section B - ACT Score or GPA Option

Students accumulate the greatest points in this section by a high ACT score. ACT scores of 18 or above are required for admission to the Respiratory Care program. In lieu of the ACT, you may use your SWIC GPA ONLY if you have at least 12 of the 17 general education credit hours for the RC program completed by the Fall 2008 semester – unless the application deadline has been extended.

How POINTS are assigned on the application to ACT/SWIC GPA Option:

Points Key		
If your most recent scores/SWIC GPA are:		
ACT Score	GPA (4.0 system)	Then your points for each area will be:
26-30	≥ 4.0	4.0
21-25	$\geq 3.5 < 4.0$	3.5
18-20	$\geq 3.0 < 3.5$	3.0
	$\geq 2.5 < 3.0$	2.5
	$\geq 2.0 < 2.5$	2.0

Composite Score
Earned

Year
Completed

Points
(use key)

ACT

(Score must be within 10 years of April 1, 2009 and most recent score is utilized.)

OR

OR

SWIC GPA Option

(To use this option, students must have 12 credit hours from Section C completed with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.)

Total Points Section B: _____ /4 pt. max

Suggestions for increasing points earned in ACT/SWIC GPA Section:

- If using the ACT, a minimum score of 18 is required.
- Take the ACT in the Summer 2008. If your score is lower than 18, you have sufficient time to retake in the Fall 2008 semester.
- Even if you are eligible to use the SWIC GPA option, take the ACT to assess if the ACT score can give you greater points for the application process.

Section C - General Education Coursework

Students are also eligible to earn additional points for general education courses completed by the end of the Fall 2008.

Suggestions for increasing points earned in General Education Section:

- Although you do not have to complete all the general education courses prior to application, you will generate more points by completing as many as possible **with a “B” or better**.
- If enrolled in high school, check to see if your high school offers dual credit for any of the general education courses and/or consider dual enrollment by taking a college level course while still enrolled in high school. (Dual enrollment does require permission of the HS counselor, parent, and college counselor to enroll; contact the SWIC counseling center or your HS guidance counselor for the proper paperwork to participate in dual enrollment). Courses must be completed by the end of the Fall 2008 semester.
- Take the COMPASS test no later than March/April 2008 – this will allow time to get developmental courses, if needed, completed in the Summer 2008 semester and some general education courses in the Fall 2008 semester. The COMPASS test results are needed to assess readiness for enrollment into ENG 101, all BIOL, SPCH 151/155, PSYC 151, SOC 153 and POLS 150.

How POINTS are assigned on the application to General Education Coursework section:

1. Record the semester, year and grade for each course you have completed (**the 10-year restriction does not apply**). Please Note: **Courses with grades of “D” will not meet graduation requirements**. If you are currently enrolled, enter “CE” for “grade” and estimate the credit hours you’ll earn toward points.

	Credit Hours	Semester <u>Taken</u>	Year <u>Completed</u>	Grade <u>Earned</u>	Check box <u>for “B” or better</u>
BIOL 105* or (BIOL 156 & 156)* or (BIOL 157 & 158)*	4	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
HRO 100*	1	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENG 101	3	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENG 102 or SPCH 151/155	3	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSYC 151	3	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOC 153 or POLS 150	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL	17				

***These courses must be completed by the end of the Summer semester 2009, in order to be eligible for RC 104 in the Fall semester 2009.**

Note: You may take RC 102, 103, 110, and 111 prior to acceptance into the program with approval of the program coordinator, Maggie McMillin at (618)234-8911, ext 1989. These courses are not considered in the point computation below.

2. Add the number of credit hours you’ve completed **with a grade of “B” or better**. Use the chart below to determine your points for Section C.

≥ 4.25 hours = 1 point
 ≥ 8.50 hours = 2 points
 ≥ 12.75 hours = 3 points
 ≥ 17.00 hours = 4 points

Total Points Section C: _____/4 pt. max

Section D - Final Ranking Score: (Total of Sections A + B + C)

_____ /20 pts. max

Meeting the application deadlines is important to be successful in this process. Read all correspondence from the admissions office – they send notification if something is missing from your application file.

Reminder of deadlines & required supporting documentation:

By April 1, 2009:

- Application on file for Fall 2009 admission.

By April 15, 2009:

- High School and College transcripts, and Transcript Evaluation Request Form
Southwestern GPA (for courses listed in Section B) must be 2.0 or higher.
- COMPASS Assessment score placing you in ENG 101 & MATH 94
- ACT scores within 10 years of April 1, 2009 or qualify for the SWIC GPA option (See Section B)

Section E- Advanced Standing**

Students having a CRT credential from the NBRC dated within 5 years from April 15, 2009 may apply to the Respiratory Care program. Completion of RC 114 through RC 207, as well as required general education courses will fulfill graduation requirements of this AAS degree.

Application requirements:

Date CRT credential received _____ Photocopy attached _____

****A meeting with the program coordinator is required. Contact Maggie McMillin at (618) 234-8911, extension 1989.**

Quick Overview

If currently in High School:	If High School graduate:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete Biology, Algebra & Chemistry prior to senior year of high school.2. <i>Check if dual credit is offered at your HS for any of the general education courses in RC program. Enroll in them if eligible. (This is not required for application.)</i>3. Spring semester of Senior year, take the COMPASS test.4. <i>Enroll in developmental course(s), if required, during the following Summer & Fall semesters after HS graduation.</i>5. Spring semester or summer after HS graduation take the ACT. <i>Retake if the score is lower than 18.</i>6. When the above is completed/in progress, you are ready to apply September 1 (although it is not required to complete all general education courses prior to application, additional points are generated and may be beneficial in the application process).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Schedule and take COMPASS test.2. COMPASS assessment indicates developmental courses required: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes3. <i>If required, complete developmental course(s) in ENG and/or MATH.</i>4. Complete Pre-requisite courses (Biology, Algebra, & Chemistry).5. Take the ACT (need score or 18) or 12 credit hours of general education courses completed for SWIC GPA option.6. When the above is completed, you are ready to apply September 1 (although it is not required to complete all general education courses prior to application, additional points are generated and may be beneficial in the application process).

Respiratory Care students are required to submit to background check and drug testing prior to clinical experience courses. Refer to college catalog for more information.