



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Department of Respiratory Care

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Boise State University and North Shore Community College

This Agreement is effective as of the date of final signature below and shall be in effect for three (3) years or until earlier terminated by one of the parties. Either party may cancel this Agreement upon twenty (20) days' advance written notice to the other party; provided, however, that any student who has already enrolled at Boise State University shall be entitled to the benefit of this Agreement.

Boise State University

Regional Accreditation

Boise State University is regionally accredited by The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

Department of Respiratory Care

Professional Accreditation

The Department of Respiratory Care Bachelor of Science Degree Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The last accreditation site visit was May 6 and 7, 2013, followed by the Certificate of Accreditation on July 13, 2013. The Certificate of Accreditation is valid until July 31, 2023.

Bachelor of Science Degree Curriculum

The 120-credit Bachelor of Science Degree Curriculum satisfies all general education requirements (Foundation Studies Program) and all professional curricular requirements. The student may earn the Bachelor of Science Degree by completing all requirements in the four-year curriculum, or by completing all requirements in the Degree Advancement Program.

North Shore Community College

Regional Accreditation

North Shore Community College is regionally accredited by The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

Department of Respiratory Care

Professional Accreditation

The Department of Respiratory Care Associate of Science Degree Program is accredited by the CoARC. The last accreditation was 2015 and the next accreditation site visit will be due 2025.

Associate of Science Degree Curriculum

The 68-semester credit, Associate of Science Degree Curriculum satisfies all general education requirements and all professional curricular requirements.

Boise State University Department of Respiratory Care Degree Advancement Program

The Degree Advancement Program allows students to enroll in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University once they have met the following criteria:

- Earned an Associate of Science, an Associate of Arts, or an Associate of Arts and Science in Respiratory Care, from a regionally accredited institution whose Respiratory Care Program is accredited by CoARC,
- Successfully completed at least 64 semester credit hours,
- Earned the credential Registered Respiratory Therapist by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC)
- Admitted to Boise State University

The Degree Advancement Program is designed for Registered Respiratory Therapists who want to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care. The student is required to complete 30 credits (11 courses); each of the courses is available online. Because the student is required to be a Registered Respiratory Therapist as a pre-requisite for the program, there are no clinical courses in the Degree Advancement Program.

Courses are delivered via BlackBoard, which is a web-based, course-management system designed to allow students and faculty to participate in classes delivered online. BlackBoard enables instructors to provide students with course materials, discussion boards, virtual chat, live audio-visual discussions, online quizzes, an academic resource center and more.

Online courses typically are more time-intensive than typical face-to-face courses. Students will be required to do a significant amount of reading, online posting, writing of papers and other online activities; therefore, the student must be motivated and willing to allocate a considerable amount of time for each course. For this reason, it is not recommended that students working full-time take more than two or three courses per semester.

Because graduates of North Shore Community College (NSCC) earn an Associate of Science Degree and the students earn at least 64 credits, NSCC graduates will meet the first two admission requirements. Once the student has passed the necessary NBRC Examinations to earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist credential, and after being admitted to Boise State University, the student may be admitted to the Department of Respiratory Care Degree Advancement Program.

Requirements to Earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University

Requirements to be completed at North Shore Community College

- Associate of Science Degree in Respiratory Care
- At least 64 semester credits

Professional examinations to be completed through the National Board for Respiratory Care

- Examinations required to earn the Registered Respiratory Therapist credential

Professional credential to be earned through the National Board for Respiratory Care

- Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT)

Requirements to be completed, online, through Boise State University

- Professional Courses
 - HLTHST 400 Interprofessional Capstone, 1 credit
 - RESPCARE 355 Professional Communication in Health Care, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 431 Quality Improvement in Health Care, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 432 Critical Review of Health Care Research, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 440 Senior Theory: Advanced Concepts, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 441 Teaching Techniques for Health Care Professionals, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 442 Sleep Medicine, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 443 Current Topics in Respiratory Disease, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 444 Leadership and Management for Health Care Professionals, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 445 Patient Advocacy and Ethical Considerations, 3 credits
 - RESPCARE 498 Senior Seminar, 2 credits
- Credit for Prior Learning
 - Students will receive 26 upper division credits based upon passing the NBRC's RRT credentialing examinations. The NBRC examinations, through which the student earns the RRT credential, are used as external examinations allowing the student to challenge 26 upper division credits required for the program. After successfully completing at least 12 credits at Boise State University, the student can request the upper division credits be applied to their transcript and pay the necessary fee (currently \$200). The adviser will complete the necessary University forms to process the paperwork for these 26 credits.

After successfully completing each of the above stated requirements, if the student is otherwise in good standing, the student will be awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Respiratory Care from Boise State University.

Use of Marks: Neither party shall, prior to, in the course of, or after performance under this Agreement, use the other party's name, logos, or trademarks in any advertising or promotional media, including press releases, without the prior written consent of the other party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement hereto, as of the last date written below:

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Lutana Haan, Chair
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Boise State University

1/29/18
Date

Patricia Gentile 3-28-2018
Dr. Patricia Gentile, President
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Date

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Date

Maryanne Atkinson 3/26/18
Maryanne Atkinson, Dean
Health Sciences, North Shore Community College

Date

Marty Schimpf
Marty Schimpf, Provost
Boise State University

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Date