



UT Health

San Antonio

School of
Health Professions

**Respiratory Care Early-Acceptance Program
between
The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio
School of Health Professions
and
Victoria College**

Victoria College and the School of Health Professions (SHP) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio) agree to offer qualified students the opportunity to participate in a collaborative program that facilitates early acceptance into the SHP Respiratory Care program. Qualified students will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Care from **Victoria College**, and then matriculate into the SHP's Online Degree Advancement – Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC).

I. Policies and Procedures:

To implement this program, the following policies and procedures will be adhered to:

- 1) The student must meet the eligibility requirements listed below:
 - a) Successfully complete **at least 24 semester credit hours**, including at least 7 semester credit hours in specified science and math courses at **Victoria College** before the conclusion of the first year of the Victoria College Respiratory Care Program. The student must earn at least a “C” in required coursework.
- 2) The student must apply by April 1 of the second year at **Victoria College** after successfully completing **at least 24 semester credit hours**, including at least 7 credit hours in specified science and math courses at **Victoria College**, and have completed 30 SCH (70%) of the Texas Core Curriculum requirements for early acceptance into SHP's Online Degree Advancement - Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC) (see Appendix A).
- 3) Victoria College will academically advise students preparing for and entering the Victoria College Respiratory Care Program in collaboration with UT Health San Antonio. Students interested in the Early-Acceptance Program outlined in this agreement, or a traditional Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care (BSRC) pathway with UT Health San Antonio will receive academic advising support from the UT Health San Antonio School of Health Professions personnel.

- 4) Students will have to complete the Texas Core Curriculum, with grades of C or better, to graduate from UT Health San Antonio. The Texas Core Curriculum must be completed prior to enrollment in the final semester of graduation from UT Health San Antonio.
- 5) The student must provide the following items with their application:
 - a) copies of all college or university transcripts
 - b) personal statement (essay)
 - c) one letter of recommendation, specifically from the **Victoria College Respiratory Care program leader or a professional** in the selected program field.
- 6) The UT Health Online Degree Advancement Respiratory Care Program will accept no more than five students per year. Notification of acceptance will be sent to students no later than May 1.
- 7) When accepted into the BSRC DAP, the student must:
 - a) Pass a criminal background check three months prior to matriculation a SHP.
 - b) Complete all respiratory care coursework with a grade of C or higher and graduate with their Associate of Applied Science from **Victoria College**, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.
 - c) The Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential should be earned prior to matriculation at UT Health San Antonio, and must be earned prior to enrollment in the second semester of study. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.
- 8) The applicant must remain in good academic standing at Victoria College and demonstrate professional behavior expected of a student entering the health professions.

II. FERPA Release of Information

It will be essential that the participating universities are able to share and access relevant and academically pertinent data; therefore, the Home institution designates the Host as having a legitimate educational interest in the relevant educational records of the students who participate in this agreement. Institutions will maintain confidentiality of the educational records in accordance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). To ensure the protection of students' FERPA rights, the sharing of relevant educational records will be permitted upon submission of a signed release by the student.

III. Termination of the Joint Agreement

Termination of this agreement may be initiated by either party. Written notice of intent to terminate must be delivered to the other party at least six months prior to the effective date of termination. Students enrolled in the program at the time of termination of this joint agreement will be given the opportunity to complete their program of study.

Signatures:

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Appendix A

BSRC program course requirements

Victoria College students pursuing respiratory care must complete the following degree requirements at **Victoria College** prior to matriculating to UT Health San Antonio School of Health Professions **Online Degree Advancement Bachelor of Science Respiratory Care** program.

Required Prerequisite	Required SCH	Victoria College
Human Anatomy	4	Human Anatomy – BIOL 2401
Human Physiology	4	Human Physiology - BIOL 2402
Microbiology	4	BIOL 2420
Chemistry I	4	CHEM 1411
Physics I	4	PHYS 1401 or PHYS 2425
Statistics lecture	3	MATH 1342 or PSYC 2317

23 Semester Credit Hours