

# Respiratory Therapist Fast Facts

Your journey to finding your path

- Care for patients who have trouble breathing—for example, because of a chronic condition such as asthma.
- Meets patient's goals and needs and provides quality care by conducting pulmonary function tests.
- Evaluates effects of respiratory therapy treatment plan by observing, noting, and evaluating patient's progress.
- Monitor physiological responses to therapy, such as vital signs, arterial blood gases, and blood chemistry changes.
- Administer medications and therapy via established protocols.
- Care for Newborn infants, children and adults with diseases such as asthma, emphysema and bronchitis.
- Specialty tasks within respiratory therapy include bronchoscopies, pulmonary function testing, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, sleep studies, and cardiac stress testing.

## Requirements:

- Associate or bachelor's degree
- State license

**2023 Median Salary is \$77,960**

**13% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032**

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