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The College of Rehabilitation Sciences also offers Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Physical Therapy programs. Refer to the U of M Graduate Studies Calendar for further info on these programs.

Professional Designation

Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy (B.R.T.)

Students admitted into the program of studies in respiratory therapy should note that while the University of Manitoba, College of

Rehabilitation Sciences may admit students to its course of studies and confer the degree of Bachelors of Respiratory Therapy, the right to practice as a Registered Respiratory Therapist within Manitoba and throughout Canada is granted by the appropriate authority of the jurisdiction concerned through a process of licensure. Following graduation from an approved or accredited educational program and passing the credentialing examination as determined by the licensing body for that jurisdiction, a Respiratory Therapist may apply for a license in that Canadian jurisdiction.

To be eligible for employment in Manitoba, graduates must register with the regulatory body in Manitoba known as the Manitoba Association of Registered Respiratory Therapists (MARRT) and meet all requirements for licensure. Regulations are similar in most other provinces in that the students must pass an approved credentialing examination, be registered with the regulatory body in that jurisdiction, and meet all other licensing requirements.

For further information regarding the national credentialing examination and registration for licensure in Manitoba please refer to the website (<https://www.marrt.org>). Students are highly encouraged to become student members of both provincial and national professional associations.

Programs

Degree/Diploma

Years to Completion

Total Credit Hours

Has Co-op Option

Respiratory Therapy, B.R.T.
(<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/health-sciences/rehabilitation-sciences/respiratory-therapy-brt/>)

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Note: B.R.T. is 4 years (University 1 plus 3 years B.R.T.)

Faculty Academic Regulations

Admission Requirements

Intro Rehabilitation Sciences

The following is a summary of the admission requirements for Respiratory Therapy. Equivalent academic courses completed at the University of Manitoba or recognized universities elsewhere will be considered. All admission requirements, as well as application deadline dates and the online application can be accessed through the Respiratory Therapy website (<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/respiratory-therapy-brt/>). Info can also be obtained from the Admissions Office (<https://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/programs/respiratory-therapy.html>), Enrolment Services, 424 University Centre. This information is also posted on the university's website.

Course Requirements: Respiratory Therapy Regular Program

Course	Title	Hours
One of the following:		6
BIOL 1020 & BIOL 1030	Biology 1: Principles and Themes and Biology 2: Biological Diversity, Function and Interactions	
BIOL 1000 & BIOL 1010	Biology: Foundations of Life and Biology: Biological Diversity and Interaction	
STAT 1000 or STAT 1150	Basic Statistical Analysis 1 Introduction to Statistics and Computing	3
SOC 1200	Course no longer offered	6
or		
PSYC 1200	Introduction to Psychology	
3 credit hour course to satisfy the written English requirement		3
6 credit hours of electives to total 24 credit hours in University 1		6
Total Hours		24

Other Requirements: Respiratory Therapy

- Minimum GPA required for consideration: 3.0. Minimum GPA required in core courses: 3.0.

- Respiratory Therapy does not require specific high school courses. However, the following high school courses are required to register for the required courses:
 - Math 40S minimum 50% required (Pre-Calculus or Applied Math recommended)
 - If taking BIOL 1020, Biology 40S, and one of Chemistry 40S or Physics 40S minimum 50% required
 - Biology 40S, Chemistry 40S, English 40S, and Physics 30S and/or 40S recommended
 - Selection Criteria: 67% Grades and 33% Interview.

Degree Completion Program

In addition to the regular degree program in Respiratory Therapy, the College offers a degree completion program. Generally, individuals who have attained a diploma in respiratory therapy from an accredited program of studies in Canada, who are actively involved in the practice of the profession, and who demonstrate an interest in continuing their studies in this field, will be accepted. The degree completion program requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of study to be determined by the student in consultation with the department head and/or faculty advisor.

College Academic Regulations

General

Limited Access will not affect registration for the current Academic Year, which includes Fall, Winter, and Summer terms. See University Policy and Procedures – Repeat Course Policy – Section 2.5 (a) Limited Access (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/policies-procedures/repeated-course-policy/>).

The provisions of the General Academic Regulations (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/general-academic-regulations/>), and the University Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.umanitoba.ca/undergraduate-studies/policies-procedures/>), apply to all students. In addition, the College of Rehabilitation Sciences has regulations and requirements, published below, that apply specifically to its students.

Policies with regard to admissions, selection, academic progression of the student, compulsory attendance, examination procedures, supplemental examination procedures, withdrawal dates and other academic requirements are in force and are on file in the general office of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

Regulations for the Bachelor of Respiratory Therapy Program

Students are obligated to be familiar with all regulations governing their continued progress in the program.

Security of Academic Records

The University's policies regarding the security of student academic records are found in the General Academic Regulations (p.).

Registration Status in the Program

Students are required to register for a full course load for all three years of the Program. Any consideration of part-time or out of sync status shall be reviewed by the year coordinator in collaboration with the Department Head, Respiratory Therapy, on a case-by-case basis.

Academic Progression

Students are required to obtain a minimum of "C" grade in every letter grade course and a "Pass" in every Pass/Fail course. A final grade of "D" or "F" in a letter grade course or "Fail" in a Pass/Fail course taken to complete the degree requirement is considered a failure.

Academic Probation

If the student fails a course or if their term GPA drops below 2.5 they will be placed on Academic Probation for the following term. A formal remediation plan will be mandatory for students on academic probation. If a student is unsuccessful in a course while on academic probation, they will be required to withdraw from the Program.

Supplemental Examinations or Tests

A student who fails (obtains less than "C") in one course may be granted supplemental privileges. The passing grade in a supplemental examination will be a "C+." A student may not write more than two (2) supplemental examinations per year. If the student should fail (obtaining less than C+), the student may be granted the privilege of repeating the courses in the following academic year and will be reviewed at the BRT progression committee on a case-by-case basis. Subsequently, the student may proceed to repeat the year on a part-time basis but may be required to audit courses as deemed appropriate due to the integrated nature of the BRT curriculum. A student may not progress to subsequent years of the Program with any failures.

Clinical Courses

If a student fails a clinical course, they are permitted to repeat the course. If the student fails a second clinical course in the Program, they are permitted to repeat the course and will be placed on Academic Probation. Any further unsuccessful attempts in clinical courses will require the student to withdraw from the Program.

Professional Behaviour

As an entry to practice professional degree Program, there are Program expectations designed to ensure that students in the Program are developing the competencies and accountability standards that reflect the public expectation of practicing professionals in the field. As such, students are expected to take responsibility for their learning and to adhere to the policies of attendance and participation related to classes and fieldwork placements.

Any student who demonstrates behaviour with respect to other students, colleagues, faculty, clients or the general public that is exploitative, irresponsible, destructive, or unsafe in connection with any work engaged in while enrolled in the Program will be subject to discipline as described in the University of Manitoba Student Discipline By-Law (<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents/>).

Dean's Honour List

Students carrying a full course load, with a sessional Grade Point Average of 3.7 or higher and have not done re-sit or supplemental exams, are placed on the Dean's Honour List.

Voluntary Withdrawal

Students are permitted to voluntarily withdraw from a Program course in accordance with the University Voluntary Withdrawal Policy (<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents/>).

Students who have elected to voluntarily withdraw are not permitted to enroll in any further courses in the Program without approval from the department head. The student may be permitted to repeat the course after consultation with year coordinator and department head and the development of an individualized program plan.

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected of all students in all courses. Prior permission is required for any anticipated absences. Students absent from class due to illness may be required to present a certificate from a physician. Unexcused absence from an examination may result in a grade

of zero for that examination. Make-up examinations may be allowed under special circumstances.

Attendance in the clinical practice/laboratory portions of Program courses is mandatory and tracked, to enable the student to satisfy the evaluative criteria of the theoretical and practical components of courses and to meet the mandatory hours requirements. Should a student meet or exceed the permissible number of absences, an attendance plan to make up the absences is required. Failure to make up the absences via the attendance plan may result in failure of the course.

Debarment Policy

A student may be debarred from class, laboratories, and examinations by action of the department head for persistent non-attendance, failure to produce assignments to the satisfaction of the instructor, and/or unsafe clinical practice or practicum. Students so debarred will have failed that course.

Once the debarment process has been initiated, the student will not be able to voluntary withdraw from the course that is presently under investigation. Students so debarred will have failed that course.

Unsafe Clinical Practice

Unsafe clinical practice involves actions or behaviours that result in adverse effects or the risk of adverse effects to the health and well-being (psychological or physical) of the patient, family, staff, faculty, or other students. Unsafe clinical practice is an occurrence, or a pattern, of behaviour involving unacceptable risk.

Clinical Placement and Practice

The third and final year of the Program is comprised almost entirely of clinical courses. All students must be registered in all clinical courses for both terms by the specified deadline.

Students may be required to complete clinical placements outside of Winnipeg in any year during the Program. There may be affordable short-term housing options in some locations, which students may utilize. Costs associated with the approved facility-based housing options may be subsidized by the University of Manitoba. The student may be required to assume full or partial costs associated with clinical education placement.

The following health requirements are mandatory upon acceptance to the Program, and may require annual renewal during the Program.

Personal Health Information Act (PHIA) Training

PHIA cards are required for clinical placement and practice, and may be checked at the clinical education sites.

Electronic Patient Record Training

The requirements to allow students to be provided EPR access will be facilitated by the clinical education coordinator. Students must complete a training seminar.

Immunizations

Standard Health Record Form Packages are sent to new students in Respiratory Therapy upon acceptance into the program. New students in Respiratory Therapy are required to return forms to their department by the dates published yearly in the Health Record Form Packages. Returning students are required annually to review and update immunizations as necessary.

Students who do not comply with the deadlines for completion of their immunizations, may be prohibited from registering which may prevent

receipt of refunds, histories/transcripts from the Registrar's Office, attending clinical placements, and graduation.

Mandatory Annual Influenza Vaccination

All students enrolled in the Program are required to obtain an annual influenza vaccination and provide documentation by the published deadline, unless otherwise advised by a physician in writing. Students who fail to provide documentation of flu vaccination by the published deadline will not be permitted to participate in any Program clinical courses.

Criminal Record and Vulnerable Persons Check, Adult Abuse Registry Check and Child Abuse Registry Check

All respiratory therapy students are required to obtain a formal Criminal Record and Vulnerable Persons Check, an Adult Abuse Registry Check, and a formal Child Abuse Registry Check by the deadline provided by the department. The 2025/2026 deadline is August 15, 2025. Proof of these certifications must not have issue dates prior to the last week in June of the current year to ensure that they remain current until the end of the clinical education period for each year of the program. These documents are required for participation in all clinical/fieldwork education activities. If you have already obtained any of these certifications for work or volunteer purposes, they will not be accepted due to inconsistencies in the BRT program.

If student documentation reveals a criminal charge or conviction, the Respiratory Therapy Progression Committee will review which may result in dismissal from the program.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certification

All students (both new and returning) in the Department of Respiratory Therapy are required to obtain Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation annually. Certification must be the Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider. Students in year 1 and 2 of the program will be required to provide proof of certification at the first day of class. Students in year 3 of the program will be required to provide proof of certification before the first day of their clinical placement. For students in all years of the program, proof of certification must not have an issue date prior to the last week in June of the current year. This will ensure that the certification remains current until the end of the clinical education period for each year in the program.

N95 Mask Fit Testing

Clinical/fieldwork education sites require Respiratory Therapy students to maintain mask fit certification throughout the Program in accordance with the Program's Mask Fit Test policy. Certification is valid for 2 years. Information on acquiring this certification is provided to new students by the department. Mask fit testing cannot be performed successfully over facial hair, as this interferes with sealing of the mask. Any concerns can be directed to the Clinical Coordinator.

Appeals

Students may appeal term work grades, final grades, and other appeals in accordance with the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Undergraduate Student Appeals Policy (<https://umanitoba.ca/health-sciences/rady-faculty-health-sciences-policies/#college-of-rehabilitation-sciences>) and University Examination Regulations (<https://umanitoba.ca/governance/governing-documents/>).

Time Limit

The Program must be completed in five years.