

Articulation Agreement  
The University of Kansas Medical Center School of Health  
Professions  
Department of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science

This Articulation Agreement (the "**Agreement**") is between The University of Kansas, on behalf of its School of Health Professions Department of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science (hereinafter called **KU-SHP-RCDS**), and Mt. San Antonio College, on behalf of its Division of Health Professions' Respiratory Care Program (hereinafter called **MSAC-RCP**). (Each a "**Party**" and collectively the "**Parties**").

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to set guidelines for establishing an education partnership in order to allow qualified students to apply for acceptance into an Associate's/Bachelor's dual degree program (AS-BSRC). This AS-BSRC degree will be a cooperative relationship between the two programs in order to facilitate mobility of students in the MSAC-RCP associate degree program in respiratory care to begin coursework towards a bachelor's degree in respiratory care (BSRC) from KU-SHP-RCDS.

**Admission for Conditional Acceptance into the AS-BSRC dual degree program**

Students who are enrolled in an Associate Degree in Respiratory Care at MSAC-RCP will be eligible for applying to the AS-BSRC degree program. Students must meet the following criteria for conditional acceptance into the AS-BSRC dual degree program at KU-SHP-RCDS:

1. Successful completion of one semester in the MSAC-RCP program.
2. Good academic standing in the MSAC-RCP program with a 2.5 GPA.
3. Completion of the AS-BSRC dual degree program admission package by the application deadline.
  - a. Application
  - b. Letter of Interest
  - c. Three reference letters; two from MSAC-RCP faculty
  - d. Transcripts from all academic institutions

Admission is contingent upon meeting the KU-SHP-RCDS program admission requirements specified in the University of Kansas Undergraduate Catalog and admission policies (Technical Standards, Student Participation Requirements, etc.) as specified in the KU-SHP-RCDS Student Handbook. Meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee admission into the program, as admission to this program is competitive.

Coursework for all conditionally accepted students in the AS-BSRC degree program can be found in *Appendix A*.

For the avoidance of doubt and violation of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended ("Title IV"), during the period of conditional acceptance, MSAC-RCP shall be the student's "home institution" and KU-SHP-RCDS shall be a "host institution" as such terms are defined by Title IV. For each student wishing to receive Title IV assistance, both institutions agree to execute a consortium agreement and any other documents either institution reasonably deems necessary to effectuate KU-SHP-RCDS's status as a host institution or maintain compliance with Title IV.

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**Admission for Full Acceptance into the AS-BSRC dual degree program**

1. Graduate from the MSAC-RCP Associate Degree in Respiratory Care program
2. Minimum 2.5 GPA
3. Completion of at least 3 credit hours (up to 9 credit hours) from KU-SHP-RCDS courses listed during the period of conditional acceptance. RESP 480 Simulation and Interprofessional Education (3 credit hours), RESP 620 Community and Global Health (3 credit hours) and RESP 650 Medical Writing and Research (3 credit hours)
4. Transcripts from all academic institutions
5. Signed letter of commitment
6. Have no more than 2 prerequisite courses remaining
7. All students will need to earn their Registered Respiratory Therapist credentialing status from the National Board for Respiratory Care prior to full acceptance into the AS-BSRC dual degree program at KU-SHP-RCDS.

Full acceptance into AS-BSRC is competitive, and contingent upon the student meeting the admission requirements specified in the University of Kansas Undergraduate Catalog and admission policies as specified in the KU-SHP-RCDS Student Handbook; meeting minimum admission criteria does not guarantee full acceptance.

Upon full acceptance into AS-BSRC, KU-SHP-RCDS will become the student's "home institution" for purposes of Title IV.

**Transfer Credit Agreement for Full Acceptance**

A minimum of 120 credit hours will be required to earn a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care degree from KU-SHP-RCDS. The final 30 credit hours of junior-senior (300-400 level) must be taken from the KU-SHP-RCDS. A minimum of 45 upper division credit hours must be demonstrated on the student's transcript. In order to assure all AS-BSRC dual degree program students are eligible to graduate with a Bachelor's degree, the following will occur:

1. Each student from MSAC-RCP seeking full acceptance into to the AS-BSRC dual degree program will have their college transcript evaluated through a portfolio review process to determine which respiratory care courses from MSAC-RCP will be awarded junior level course credit in the AS-BSRC dual degree program. Content deemed substantially similar to the course content from the AS-BSRC dual degree program will be the basis upon which credit is awarded to the student at the course-level consistent with the similar course from the KU-SHP-RCDS curriculum.
2. Students who were conditionally accepted into the AS-BSRC dual degree program and graduate from the MSAC-RCP Associate Degree in Respiratory Care program will be eligible for full admission into the AS-BSRC dual degree program with senior level status.

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In the event of termination of this Articulation Agreement by either party for any reason, all parties agree to cooperate in furnishing the required educational services until every student under this agreement enrolled at the KU-SHP-RCDS has either completed the degree requirements, has withdrawn, or is no longer eligible to continue (in the event a student does not meet the requirements to earn the Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Care through the BSRC program).

**Academic Policy and Regulations:**

Unless otherwise identified specifically in this agreement, all other academic policies and regulations of the KU-SHP and the University of Kansas that are described in the catalogs of both the KU-SHP and The University of Kansas and the KU-SHP Student Handbook shall apply to all MSAC-RCP students admitted to the KU-SHP-RCDS program.

**Articulation Agreement Specifications:**

This agreement is valid from the date of authorized signature of all identified parties. This agreement will remain in effect unless terminated by either party. Termination shall be preceded by written notification to the other party intention to terminate one semester prior to the termination date. Both parties may agree to review; amend; or modify this agreement at any time.

This agreement and the rights of the parties shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

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**Signatures:**

Representatives of the parties listed indicate their agreement to this articulation agreement by their signatures below. The agreement shall be effective from the date of signature. The signed original of this contract will be kept on file in The University of Kansas School of Health Professions.

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Lisa Trujillo, DHSc, RRT, FAARC Program Director and Assoc. Professor Department of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science The University of Kansas Medical Center	Date
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Dave Burnett, PhD, RRT Chair of Respiratory Care and Diagnostic Science; and Associate Dean of Faculty Practice and Community Partnerships The University of Kansas Medical Center	Date
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Abiodun Akinwuntan, PhD, MPH, MBA Dean of School of Health Professions The University of Kansas Medical Center	Date
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Kelly Fowler Vice President of Instruction Mt. San Antonio College	Date
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Sam Agdasi Dean, Technology and Health Division Mt. San Antonio College	Date
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**Mt. San Antonio College Curriculum Transferring to KU-SHP-RCDS**

**Prerequisite courses that will transfer to KUMC**

ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Anatomy	4
ANAT 10B	Introductory Human Physiology	4
CHEM 10	Chemistry for Allied Health Majors	5

**Total** **13**

**Respiratory Elective courses that will transfer to KU-SHP-RC**

MEDI 90	Medical Terminology	3
RESD 102	Theory & Principles of Respiratory Therapy	2
RESD 208	Current Issues in Respiratory Care	3

**Total** **8**

**Respiratory Courses that will transfer to KU-SHP-RC as portfolio (upper class) credit**

RESD 104	Respiratory Therapy Science	4
RESD 106	Pulmonary Anatomy and Physiology	2
RESD 108	Pharmacology for Respiratory Care	1.5
RESD 110	Respiratory Therapy Science	3
RESD 112	Cardiopulmonary Pathophysiology	2
RESD 114	Comprehensive Pulmonary Assessment	3
RESD 116	Special Procedures for Respiratory Care	1.5
RESD 200A	Techniques of Respiratory Therapy	2.5
RESD 200B	Techniques of Respiratory Therapy	4
RESD 202	Adult Respiratory Intensive Care	3
RESD 204	Neonatal Intensive Care	3
RESD 200C	Techniques of Respiratory Therapy	2.5
RESD 200D	Techniques of Respiratory Therapy	4
RESD 206	Respiratory Therapeutic Modalities	2

**Total Portfolio Credits** **38**

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**Courses Needed**

**Required courses that will need to be taken: (hybrid from KU)**

RESP 480	Patient Simulation & IPE	3	
RESP 620	Community & Global Health	3	
RESP 650	Medical Writing & Research	3	
<b>Total</b>			<b>9</b>

**Prerequisite and Elective courses (from MSAC or KU)**

Microbiology		3	
College Algebra		3	
English Composition I		3	
Critical Reading and Writing (Composition II)		3	
2 Humanities Course		6	
2 Social Science Courses		6	
Additional Elective Courses		7	
<b>Total</b>			<b>31</b>

**KU-SHP-RC RRT-BSRC Courses that will need to be taken**

**CORE:**

RESP 495	Management, Ethics, and Law in Respiratory Care	3	
RESP 450	Chronic Respiratory Disease Management: The Evolving Role of the RT	3	

**Select any 3 from Track 1 or Track 2**

**Track 1:**

RESP 460	ACCS Specialty Credential Prep	3	
RESP 470	AE-C Specialty Credential Prep	3	
RESP 465	NPS Specialty Credential Prep	3	

**Track 2:**

RESP 630	Lean Management	3	
RESP 640	Professional Communication	3	
RESP 655	Leadership Management	3	

RESP 665	Clinical Specialty Project (Students will complete this final course of the program in his or her chosen clinical specialty area.)	6	
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**Total RRT-BSRC Core Courses      21**

**Grand Total of All Credit Hours      120**