

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Identify breathing problems
- Help critically ill patients breathe
- Operate machines
- Be part of a health care team
- Keep up with new technology

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	2019 Entry Level Hourly Wage	2018 Employment	Projected 2028 Employment
Capital Area	\$23.51	595	799
Texas	\$23.70	11,573	14,894
United States	\$21.56	135,800 *	162,000*

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Respiratory Therapist

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Specialty Hospitals
- Offices of Physicians
- Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after completing an associate's degree.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry– Based Certifications for this occupation: Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner.

For Staff Use

SOC: 29-1126

CIP: 51.0812

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Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at texaslmi.com, JobsEQ at jobseq.eqsuite.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics at bls.gov, and CareerOneStop at careerinfonet.org, 2019,

*US projections are for 2019-2029



OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

*Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

Additional information can be found here:

<https://www.sjvc.edu/blog/respiratory-therapy-career-ladder-infographic>

*Respiratory Therapist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$23.51
- Median Level: \$28.72

Typical Education & Experience

- Associate's or Bachelor's Degree

204 new & replacement positions between 2018-2028

Therapist IV

Bachelor's Degree or enrolled
Three years of additional experience

Therapist III

Bachelor's Degree or enrolled
Two years of additional experience

Therapist II

Minimum of two years of experience

Therapist I

Associate's Degree

Respiratory Therapy Technician

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$18.93
- Median Level: \$27.95

Typical Education & Experience

- Some College, No Degree or Associate's Degree

This Career Ladder is for illustrative purposes and does not display all pathways for career advancement. For more information or feedback email: CareerLadder@wfscapitalarea.com

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