# RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

#### ANNUAL WAGES

ENTRY: \$47,800 MEDIAN: \$60,000 HIGH: \$77,600

#### **HOURLY WAGES**

ENTRY: \$22.98 MEDIAN: \$28.84 HIGH: \$37.29

# EDUCATION AT ENTRY LEVEL

ASSOCIATE DEGREE



THE AUSTIN MSA PROJECTS TO NEED OVER **670** RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS BY 2031. WILL YOU BE ONE?

#### **JOB DUTIES**

- Provide emergency care, such as artificial respiration, external cardiac massage, or assistance with cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Monitor patient's physiological responses to therapy, such as vital signs, arterial blood gases, or blood chemistry changes, and consult with physician if adverse reactions occur.
- Set up and operate devices, such as mechanical ventilators, therapeutic gas administration apparatus, environmental control systems, or aerosol generators, following specified parameters of treatment.

#### YOU WILL THRIVE IN THIS POSITION IF...

- You have attention to detail
- You are dependable
- You have integrity
- You have self control
- You have the ability to handle stress
- · You are empathic



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ABOUT THIS CAREER PATHWAY



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## **HOW TO GET STARTED IN THIS CAREER PATHWAY**



Take STEM, English and foreign language classes while in high school.



Volunteer at your local hospital for more exposure. Interview a professional in the field.

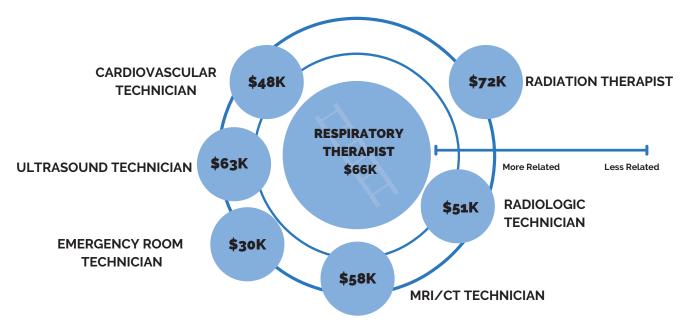


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WHAT IS SOMETHING NEW YOU LEARNED ABOUT THIS CAREER?