



# Explore a Career as a RESPIRATORY THERAPY OR OTHER HEALTHCARE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

## What do Respiratory Therapy and other Healthcare Support Technicians do?

Respiratory therapy and other healthcare support technicians are sought after entry-level professionals in healthcare. They work as part of a team with other healthcare professionals in many different types of healthcare settings. Respiratory therapy technicians ensure treatments are being received correctly, keep a record of the patient's therapy and assesses the patient's response to treatment. Other types of healthcare support technicians include dietetic, pharmacy, psychiatric, surgical, and ophthalmic technicians. All healthcare support technicians work closely with patients ensuring physician orders are being followed, answering questions and documenting patient care in a variety of clinical healthcare settings.

## Training & Educational Opportunities

Respiratory therapy and other healthcare support technicians usually need an associate degree with certification. Many choose to continue their education and seek further licensing in order to advance their career. Courses commonly included in an associate degree program include medical terminology, English, Math, computer skills, and classes for the specific healthcare support technician title being pursued.

## As a Respiratory Therapy or other Healthcare Support Technician you will:

- Assess patient's response to treatments and modify treatments according to protocol
- Collect and analyze data directly from the patient, either verbally or through testing
- Maintain accurate records of patient status
- Prep patients for and monitor them during treatment or evaluation
- Read and evaluate physicians' orders and patients' chart information to determine patients' condition and treatment protocols

## Respiratory Therapy and Other Healthcare Support Technicians are in demand in Grundy County!

Grundy County employment of respiratory therapy and other healthcare support technicians is expected to increase through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects these occupations to continue to grow.

# Respiratory Therapy or other Healthcare Support Technician

## Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as a respiratory therapy or other healthcare support technician:

- Kankakee Community College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire respiratory therapy and other healthcare support technicians in Grundy County, including:

- Diagnostic laboratories
- Doctor offices
- Hospitals
- Pharmacies
- Rehabilitation facilities
- Wellness centers

## Wages & Openings

### Respiratory Therapy and other Healthcare Support Technician Employment Data for Grundy County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$20.57
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$34.82
Average Annual Job Openings Grundy County	~10
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	162

## Opportunities

After earning your degree as a respiratory therapy or other healthcare support technician, you will have many opportunities for advancement and specialization. Some opportunities include:

- Adult Critical Care Coordinator
- Coordinator of Clinical Education
- Dietitian
- Neonatal Care Tech
- Pharmacist
- Registered Nurse



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