

**Respiratory Therapy Program | Williston Campus 101 Lawrence Place | Williston VT 05495**

Dear accepted student,

On behalf of the Respiratory Therapy faculty at Vermont Technical College, I congratulate and welcome you to the program.

In order to facilitate student success in our program, all accepted students will attend the Respiratory Therapy Program information session on the Williston campus on **June 17 at 1:00 PM**. This is a chance for the faculty to give you program specific information and answer questions you may have about the program curriculum.

The enclosed Allied Health Student Health Form must be completed by your Health Care Provider. Please begin this process by July 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest to ensure this is completed by the fall term start date. Since it normally takes some time to get an appointment, I suggest that you start by making an appointment with your Health Care Provider as soon as possible for your physical exam. Respiratory therapy students have a mandatory screening for tuberculosis. This may be the 2-step PPD testing method or a blood test: QuantiFERON Gold. This is detailed on the health form. The preferred documentation for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and Hepatitis B is positive blood titer levels through documentation by your health care provider. You will also be instructed to upload all health care documents to CastleBranch. Information about CastleBranch has been included in this mailing.

Respiratory Therapy students must also begin a background check through CastleBranch before July 1<sup>st</sup>. A missing background check may hinder your enrollment status if not completed by the fall start date.

All respiratory therapy students must own a laptop computer for accessing computerized exams in class. Please contact the Vermont Tech IT department in Williston (802-879-8260) if you have questions about the type of laptop needed for your classes.

Under instructor supervision, respiratory therapy students provide patient care in a variety of healthcare settings in VT, NY, and NH. All students are required to travel to hospital sites and are placed at a primary clinical site by means of a lottery system. All respiratory therapy students must be prepared to travel to clinical sites, however far from the Williston Campus. It is recommended that students have a valid driver's license and access to a vehicle for traveling to clinical sites.

Respiratory therapy students do NOT need to complete CPR certification before entering the program. The program faculty provides the required CPR certification during the spring semester of the first year.

All of the requirements for entering the respiratory therapy program in the fall will be discussed in more depth at the information session.

I am looking forward to meeting you then.

Sincerely,