

Utah Valley University Respiratory Therapy Program Application Information

To secure a Spring 2025 seat in the Respiratory Therapy Program, all application materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. September 20, 2024.

Classes begin January 8, 2025. There will be a mandatory 4-hour Respiratory Therapy Program orientation held on Friday, January 3, 2025.

Thank you for your interest in the UVU Respiratory Therapy Program. Admission to the program is contingent upon satisfactory results of both a federal criminal background check and a drug screen. Information on how to obtain both reports will be provided upon acceptance. The Respiratory Therapy Program has sole discretion to deny acceptance based on information contained in either report.

The UVU Respiratory Therapy Program is a very rigorous, time-intensive program. Students are expected to attend all classes, labs and clinical assignments as scheduled. Classes, labs and clinicals are not flexible and if missed could jeopardize success in the program. If you are considering working while enrolled in the program, a high level of flexibility will be required in your work schedule. The Respiratory Therapy Program requires a full commitment each semester, from the first day of class until the last day of class.

1. Submit a Utah Valley University Application

Acceptance to UVU is required *prior to* submitting an application to the UVU Respiratory Therapy Program. Application to the University can be completed online at www.uvu.edu/admissions. An application fee of \$35 is due at the time of application.

2. Submit a Respiratory Therapy Application

Following admission to UVU, an application must be submitted to the Respiratory Therapy Program. All *applications are submitted via email to max.eskelson@uvu.edu*. Please complete application form in its entirety and include all application materials prior to sending. Before submission, please save your application as FIRST NAME.LAST NAME.pdf. In your application email, please be sure to attach the following:

- Completed application form (below)
- Essay
- TEAS Scores

3. Notification of Decision

All applicants will be contacted for an interview or notified of non-acceptance via myUVU email. **Please check your myUVU email.**

You MUST respond via e-mail, by the specified deadline, with either an “accept” or “decline” of the offer for an interview. You will NOT get a second chance if you fail to respond by the specified deadline.

All responses will be verified by a return e-mail. If accepting the interview, you will be given the specific day and time for your interview. No further e-mails will follow, and you will be expected to arrive on the day and time identified. No interviews will be rescheduled. Failure to attend the scheduled interview will result in non-acceptance for this application cycle.

All interviewed applicants will be notified of final admission decisions via myUVU email.

4. Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have:

- Been accepted to UVU and issued a UVU ID #
- Earned a final grade of a C or better without repeating any of the prerequisite courses more than once within the past 5 years. If you repeated a course, the most recent grade will be used.
- Taken the TEAS test version V or VI. (We use the first or second test taken within a 5 year time frame.)

5. Transferring Credits to UVU

It is your responsibility to have official transcripts of all previous college course work sent to the UVU Admissions Office. Following review, official transcripts will be posted on your UVU academic record. This process may take up to 3 weeks; please prepare accordingly.

6. Prerequisite Course Work Information

All Prerequisite course work must be completed (or in progress) with a C grade minimum by the application deadline. ***It is YOUR responsibility to ensure all grade information has been submitted to the UVU Admissions Office with sufficient time for review by the Respiratory Therapy Program.***

7. Acceptable College Credits

Although there are a variety of ways to obtain college credit, not all are appropriate for the Respiratory Therapy prerequisites. Please be aware of the following credits and/or grades, and how they may affect your eligibility to apply:

ACT Scores: At UVU, ACT scores are used to determine *placement* into a subject, typically they do NOT waive prerequisite course.

Repeating Course Work: Repeating a course for a better grade is an option and does not affect your UVU Respiratory Therapy application adversely; however, only one repeat, per course, in a 5 year time frame will be allowed. The second attempt is used for the application. Once a course is repeated, grades for the first attempt will not be used to satisfy **any** degree requirement. Therefore, if the grade for your **most recent attempt** falls below a C grade, you are ineligible to apply.

Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit Grades: With the majority of points awarded being based on the prerequisite GPA, only letter grades are acceptable for prerequisites.

AP Credits: AP scores of 3, 4 or 5 can be accepted for prerequisite requirements. These must be posted to your UVU transcript as credit. For purposes of calculating the GPA, a score of 3 = B+, 4 = A-, and 5 = A.

Course Substitutions: In order to give the student the best opportunity to have a competitive GPA, there are some courses which may be used as a substitution for a prerequisite if a higher grade was received in the substituting course, and the grade in the prerequisite course meets Respiratory Therapy standard minimum grade. The following is an example of appropriate suggestions:

ENGL 1010: If ENGL 2010 or 2020 has been completed with a better grade than the ENGL 1010, that course can be substituted for the prerequisite ENGL 1010 course.

All other substitutions will be determined on an individual basis by the Department of Respiratory Therapy Admission Committee.

8. **TEAS Test Information**

If you have not yet taken the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) you must do so to submit the application. One TEAS test per application is allowed. Any score below 50% makes the test ineligible. If you have two scores, you will choose which of the completed tests to submit. There will be no mixing of test scores. Scores are valid for 5 years unless a newer version of the TEAS is created by ATI. If you are submitting expired TEAS scores, they will not be used in reviewing your application and could result in your ineligibility.

9. **Interview Process**

Following review of TEAS and GPA scores, top applicants are selected to interview. The interview process is standardized to ensure that each candidate interviewed has an equal opportunity to be objectively evaluated. The interview process takes approximately 2 hours to complete. An interview does not guarantee acceptance. From those interviewed, the top candidates will be selected, notified, and offered positions in the Respiratory Therapy Program for the semester the student has applied. A group of alternates will also be selected and notified. If accepted you must meet all deadlines. Failure to do so will forfeit your position, which will then be offered to an alternate.

Read the material and instructions sent with your invitation to interview. Prepare as you would for a professional job interview. At UVU, the Career Development Center in LC 409 helps students with professional interview skills.

10. **Acceptance Information**

Acceptance is contingent upon the following:

- Letter of acceptance after completion of the interview.
- Submitting all requested documentation by deadlines.
- Completion of required immunizations, current CPR certification, and physical exam.
- Providing satisfactory results of both a federal background check and drug screen. The background check will include a record of employment and all non-juvenile arrests and convictions, including sex offenses. UVU has sole discretion to deny entrance based upon the information contained in either of these two reports.

Due to limited space within the Respiratory Therapy Program, not all qualified applicants will be accepted. Alternate candidates will be notified, in rank-order, if openings occur prior to the beginning of the semester. Candidates and applications will not be forwarded to subsequent application cycles. A new application must be completed to be considered in another application cycle. If not accepted, an applicant may interview only twice within a 5-year time frame.

11. **Scholarship Information**

Information and applications regarding scholarships, including all need-based, privately-funded scholarships are available on the Financial Aid website at <http://www.uvu.edu/scholarships>.

<p>** Office Use Only **</p> <p>App # _____ Received: Date _____ Time _____</p>
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Utah Valley University Respiratory Therapy Program Application



Please read and follow all instructions and complete the application in its entirety. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**



Personal Information:

UVU ID#	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Last Name	
Current Phone #	
myUVU Email	ALL Email Contact will be via My.uvu.edu .
Mailing Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	

All Applicants will be notified of either a scheduled interview or non-acceptance through myUVU email. Begin checking your myUVU email within a week of the application due date. Forwarded email is sometimes delayed so check your myUVU email to avoid missing vital application information.

Section 1: College Transcripts

Prerequisite courses taken at UVU and prerequisite courses transferred from all other institutions that have already been reviewed by the Admissions Office and are listed on your Utah Valley University transcript are in the computer system and do NOT require additional attached documentation.

- All Prerequisites were taken at UVU. (no transcript required)

- All courses have been reviewed by admissions and are included on official UVU transcripts.

Section 2: Previous Degrees

Please list any previously completed college degrees:

Degree: _____ University or College: _____ Date: _____

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This information helps your advisor know if general education requirements covered by your previous degree have been met.

Section 3: TEAS Test

I have submitted the test results page only of my TEAS version V. with a score of 50% or higher in each section.

If you have not yet taken the TEAS exam, please contact an advisor to obtain a voucher. The exam results page must be attached for the application to be eligible.

Section 4: Prerequisite Course Work - Due to the nature of the RESP program, all but one general must be completed to apply.

Primary Prerequisite	Prefix and Course # (as identified on campus where taken)	Date Taken (or planned)	Grade	Institution
ENGL 1010 Introduction to College Writing				
ENGL 2010 Introduction to College Writing and Research				
BIOL 1610				
QUANTITATIVE LITERACY				
CHEM 1110				
PSY 1010 or 1100				
Human Anatomy (ZOOL 2320) + Lab (2325)				
Human Physiology (ZOOL 2420) + Lab (2425)				
MICR 2060 and 2065				
HLTH 1100 or PES 1097				
RESP 1540				

Section 5: Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? No Yes

If yes, include a full disclosure of all circumstances involved, dates and/or times, as well as any resolution reached. Attach written explanation page to application.

Section 6: English Language

Is English your native language?

 No Yes

If No, please attach documentation of TOEFL score. Application to the program is contingent upon providing a minimum written score of 560, computer-based score of 220, or IBT score of 83. TOEFL score must not be older than 2 years.

Section 7: Essay Questions

Each candidate is required to submit an essay as part of the application process. In your introduction, please tell us about yourself. Essays should be 1-2 pages, double-spaced in 12-pt. font, and address the following questions:

- Why do you want to be a respiratory therapist?
- Why did you choose the UVU Respiratory Therapy Program?
- How have you enhanced your knowledge of this profession?
- What are your personal and professional goals?

Essays must be typed, proofread, and emailed with completed application in PDF or Word file format.

Section 8: Miscellaneous

Clinical rotations may begin at 6:00, 6:30 or 7:00 am/pm. Clinic locations vary and may include any facility between Nephi and Bountiful.

Do you own a car?

 No Yes

If you do not own a car, do you have transportation available?

 No Yes

Have you visited a hospital Respiratory Care Department or taken a formal tour?

 No Yes

Have you performed any healthcare related volunteer work?

 No Yes

Do you have experience/training in healthcare or in working with persons who are ill? If yes, please explain below.

 No Yes

How did you hear about the UVU Respiratory Therapy Program?

Section 9: Signature

By signing this application, I understand that. . .

1. Only complete applications will be reviewed; it is MY RESPONSIBILITY to submit, by the deadline, all required documents, including transcripts, TEAS score results, and TOEFL results (if English is not my native language); I assume full responsibility, as well as any consequence, if application instructions are not followed.
2. If accepted, I will be expected to make the Respiratory Therapy Program my first priority. The Respiratory Therapy Program cannot make accommodations to fit my work schedule. Flexibility in my work and family schedule is MY responsibility. The Respiratory Therapy Program requires full commitment each semester, from the first day of class until the last day of class.
3. I am strongly encouraged to acquaint myself with the demands associated with Respiratory Therapy. UVU Respiratory Therapy students are expected to demonstrate the ability to perform functions similar to what would be expected in an employment situation. I must be able to tolerate physically and emotionally taxing activities and perform appropriately during stressful situations, in order to meet the demands of the program and eventually the profession.
4. I have read the complete instructions and understand the full requirements for acceptance into the Respiratory Therapy Program. I know that I will be contacted via myUVU email only for an interview, and understand that if I fail to respond in the scheduled time, or fail to follow through with any deadlines, I will forfeit my interview, candidacy, and possible acceptance.
5. I must submit this form and all other application materials to max.eskelson@uvu.edu by the deadline dates as indicated.

Applicant's Signature _____

UVU ID# _____

Date _____