



Mountain Empire Community College Catalog & Student Handbook Change Form

Please fill in and print this page to request changes to MECC's Catalog and Student Handbook. This process provides for MECC's Catalog and Student Handbook on the college's web site to be maintained with up-to-date information, unlike the printed copies that are updated once a year.

Type of Change: Update Deletion Addition

Current Page Number: 202 -or- Proposed Page Number: _____

Brief Description of Change:

Address change for the Commission for Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). The new address is P. O. Box 54876, Hurst, TX 76054-4876. See attached.

Does this change require official approval by committee, board, etc.? yes no

If yes, have all approval processes been completed? yes no

Person Submitting Change:

Wes Mullins
Name (print)


Signature

Vice President of Academic & Student Services:


Signature

September 28, 2018
Date

Please send this form to Amy Greear in Community Relations and send all additions and updates in word format by email to agreear@mecc.edu

Additional Information

Accreditation and State Approval

The Respiratory Therapy Program at Mountain Empire Community College is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Contact CoARC at P. O. Box 54876, Hurst, TX 76054-4876, www.coarc.com, or call 817-283-2385 for questions about the accreditation of the Mountain Empire Community College Respiratory Therapy program.

About Our Program

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy is designed to prepare selected students as competent Registered Respiratory Therapists and to serve as members of the health care team.

As a graduate, you are eligible to take the Therapist Multiple Choice (TMC) examination and the Clinical Simulation examination to be credentialed as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening

Background checks for criminal history and sex offender crimes against minors are required for entrance into clinical agencies. Students with convictions may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Clinical agencies may require drug testing prior to placement of students for clinical rotations. Students with positive drug test results may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. Cost of criminal background checks and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student. Proper uniform must be worn when participating in clinical activities.

Physical Demands

Physical demands in this program include duties that frequently require walking, bending, reaching and lifting; pushing and pulling with assistance and occasional carrying. Duties also require constant use of acute sense of sight, hearing, touch, and speech.

Financial Requirements

In addition to the usual college tuitions and fees, the Respiratory Therapy program requires: uniforms, books, liability insurance, CPR certification, criminal background check, and miscellaneous equipment. Costs for drug screens, if required by clinical facility, are the responsibility of the student. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from the college and health agencies used for clinical experience.

Opportunities for Advancement

Opportunities for advancement are excellent for those willing to continue their education and training. Individuals who display leadership, team-building skills, self-confidence, motivation, and decisiveness become candidates for promotion.

Program Progression

Students are required to repeat a RTH or NAS course in which a grade lower than "C" is received before progressing to the next course or graduating from the program. All electives must have a grade of "C" or above.

Special Consideration

Students accepted into the program are required to submit a health certificate signed by a duly licensed physician, physician's assistant, or registered nurse practitioner and should include: documentation of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) exposure or inoculations; TB skin testing or chest x-ray for previously positive TB results; and overall general health of the applicant.