Respiratory Therapists are health-care specialists who provide care for patients with breathing disorders. Care includes assessment, evaluation, and treatment of patients ranging in age from premature infants to the elderly. Therapists also work with adults who have chronic lung problems, such as asthma or emphysema. As a respiratory therapist, you must possess good communication skills. You will work side by side with physicians, nurses and other health care providers in caring for patients with lung disorders. The Respiratory Care program is a selective admission program. When you apply to the College, you will be accepted into Healthcare Support with a concentration in Respiratory Care while you complete the prerequisite requirements. The Respiratory Care program accepts a limited number of students each year and there is a separate application process.

**Degrees & Certificates Offered (Wabash Valley Region):**
Associate of Science (AS)

**Typical Career:**
Respiratory Therapist

**Average Range of Starting Salaries for Respiratory Therapists in the Wabash Valley:** $41,000-$42,000*

* Salaries shown are an average range, are subject to change, and are not guaranteed.

**POINTS OF PRIDE**
- Graduates have a pass rate above national average on the National Registry Exam!
- Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).
- Students are part of a program that is highly involved in interprofessional simulation.
- Students begin hands-on training in respiratory skills by week six!
- Our program offers peer tutors and on-site registry exam prep.

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