

INCOMING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE
RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS Fall 2020

Congratulations and welcome to the first year of the Respiratory Care Program!

You are receiving this e-mail because you have been accepted into the Modesto Junior College Respiratory Care Program for the Fall 2020 semester. Respiratory classes will begin on **Tuesday, August 27, 2020**.

MANDATORY ZOOM NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Aug 3, 2020 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0kd-qrpj0sHtaytftT361q-6-o5OZl3DbkP>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

You will be introduced to the program faculty and staff receive important information about the health clearance process and have an opportunity to ask questions about the Respiratory Care Program.

DOCUMENTS LINK: In preparation for the upcoming semester, we ask that you carefully review all documents included in this link. It is imperative that you follow the instructions detailed in these documents to ensure your position in the program.

PRIMARY CLEARANCE:

This includes the following:

- Health Clearance, Drug Screen, Background Check, BLS certification, and Health Stream modules

It is imperative that you begin this process immediately. It is your responsibility to complete all items of the Primary Clearance by the deadline. You will submit the “Golden Ticket,” as well as other supporting documentation to Kendis Bettencourt, Program Specialist via Microsoft Teams. You will need to upload all documents, the link for Microsoft Teams will be provided.

If a student is not in compliance, they will not continue in the program.

Health Clearance:

The Health Clearance process consists of:

Positive antibody titers, immunizations, Quantiferon Gold or 2-step TB test, and physical exam

Please download and print the Health Clearance forms (available via the link).

History and Physical forms:

TST form (if submitting 2-step TB test)
Flu Vaccine form – Due October 10th for Fall Semester

The Modesto Junior College Health Services website

<https://mjc.edu/studentservices/healthservices/>

Please pay careful attention to the types of titers required for hepatitis, varicella, and MMR. You may:

- See your own health care provider to meet clearance needs. Please use the Minimum Submission Requirement Form.
- The MJC Health Services department can also refer you for your lab work.
- Or you can visit Family Health Care Medical Group at 1320 Celeste Dr., Modesto 95355 (209) 527-6900 for your health clearance needs. They request that you have completed all lab work/ blood draws prior to physical examination.

MMR & Varicella:

****An important note: **Varicella and MMR vaccines cannot** be obtained until after the 2-step TB testing is completed. These are live vaccines and will **nullify the TB skin test results.**

We encourage the Quantiferon Gold lab draw instead of the 2-step TB test. It is imperative that you receive your Varicella and MMR vaccines (if needed) as soon as we read your second TB skin test. Otherwise you may not have enough time to complete your health clearance by the first week of the semester.

Tuberculosis Testing:

We encourage the Quantiferon Gold/ T-spot lab draw, which eliminates the need for the two-step TB test.

If you choose to use the two-step method, tests may be obtained through the Public Health Department, through your physician, or through the Family Health Care Medical Group. In any of these cases, please download and print the form for the 2-step TST testing process (via the link provided) so that he/she will perform this test according to our protocol.

Acute care facilities require all Allied Health students to complete these items to participate in the clinical experience. If a student is not in compliance, they will not continue in the program.

Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification:

ALL Respiratory Care students must have current certification from the American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for Healthcare Providers, which **may not lapse** during the four semesters of the program.

Below is a list of approved BLS providers. Be sure you have enrolled in a BLS course for Healthcare Providers, approved by the American Heart Association.

www.elitemedicaltraining.com

www.firstladypermanente.com

www.procprclasses.com

A criminal record may prevent students from continuing in the respiratory care program. Please contact the Director of Clinical Education, Janet Fantazia at fantaziaj@mjc.edu if you have concerns about this.

DRUG SCREEN AND BACKGROUND CHECK

See the Castlebranch Background/Drug Screen information to complete the drug screen and background check. **Start this as soon as possible.** You will be required to upload the background check summary sheet and the drug screen results with your health clearance on the due date.

HANDBOOK Associates Degree Respiratory Care Handbook will be uploaded into the Canvas shell for Respiratory Care 230. Please carefully read thru the handbook and print and sign the *Handbook Signature Page* found in Canvas.

HEALTHSTREAM MODUELS See Healthstream information sheet on completing the mandatory Health Stream modules the cost per module is \$3.50 each. Please remember your login information as you will need to complete these again in one year. You will upload the two certificates (**Rapid Regulatory I and Rapid Regulatory II**).

If you have questions regarding the Health Clearance, process please e-mail Kendis Bettencourt at bettencourtk@mjc.edu she will get back to you as soon as possible.

TEXTBOOKS A textbook grid was emailed to you with your acceptance email. The MJC Bookstore will have textbooks available after August 10th, 2020. This will be discussed at the ZOOM New Student Orientation.

UNIFORMS

The official Respiratory Care uniform is GREY SCRUBS. You must purchase the Respiratory Care Badge at Wilson's Uniform shop on McHenry Avenue Modesto, CA. It must be sewn on to the left shoulder. You will need to have your complete uniform for the first day of your clinical rotation in October or possibly sooner for any hospital orientations. Professional clean footwear with closed toe and heel must be worn with the uniform.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Regular clinical and theory attendance demonstrates the level of commitment that is essential to success in the Respiratory Care Program and is expected of all Respiratory Care students. The Attendance Policy, consistent with college policy, underscores the value placed on attendance in both the classroom and clinical setting. Absences and tardiness interfere with the learning process and contribute to academic and clinical failure. The legitimacy of the reason for an absence in no way mitigates the losses incurred.

Respiratory Care students are expected to:

- Be punctual and attend all classes.
- If a student is absent, they must contact the instructor to provide advance notice and make arrangements to make-up the time missed, as needed.
- Tardiness may be treated as an absence.
- Excessive absences will not allow a student to achieve objectives, therefore could result in failure and exiting the program.

Re-Entry Policy:

- Students who fail or withdraw from first semester respiratory care courses are NOT guaranteed re-entry into the respiratory care program.
- Students who exit the respiratory care program must make an appointment with the respiratory care program director or clinical director for an exit interview.
- A withdrawal for medical reasons must be substantiated by a physician's note.

We want you to be aware of these factors early on, so that you understand the commitment you have made to enter this program. It is imperative that you plan, make arrangements for childcare, and connect with your employer to make arrangements. Again, this program is time intensive and requires an extensive amount of your own time to prepare, study, and practice.

We look forward to meeting all of you at ZOOM **New Student Orientation on Monday August 3rd at 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.**

Sincerely,

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