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# BCC Respiratory Therapy Program

August 1, 2011

Dear Respiratory Therapy, First Year Students,

Welcome to the Respiratory Care Program! You are embarking on a very exciting and challenging endeavor. The Respiratory Care Program at Brookdale Community College is a comprehensive two-year program with classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences designed to fully prepare you for the entry level and advanced level board examinations. We are excited to have you join us and look forward to a prosperous two years. There are several things that you need to be aware of prior to the start of the semester. They are as follows:

## MANDATORY ORIENTATION

Program orientation will be held on **September 6th from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.** in room MAS 130. Learning Harbor activities will be required before the end of orientation.

## LABORATORY SCHEDULE

The scheduled laboratory demonstrations for first year are: Wednesday 9:30 AM – 11:30; Wednesday 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM; Thursday 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM; and Thursday 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM. You will be required to attend all laboratory demonstrations. You will need to sign up for laboratory practice and evaluation times. You will sign up during orientation therefore formulate a first, second and third choice now, so you will be better prepared at time of sign-ups.

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

You need to purchase a small notepad for your pocket and **two (2)** name pins. Please inform the counter assistant in the Brookdale Bookstore that you are a Respiratory Therapy Student. Order the name pins as soon as possible. They take 4-5 weeks for delivery. You will not be allowed to attend clinical without your name badge.

You received a letter instructing you on how to purchase your equipment that you will use in the college laboratory. Be sure to do this as soon as possible so the material will be available to you when the semester starts.

Look for the **book list** on Webadvisor or go to the “Scroll and Pen” bookstore and locate them under RESP 161 and 162, you will use these books throughout the two years.

You may begin reading the introduction and first chapter of all your books to get acquainted with the material.

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## UNIFORMS

There is a uniform requirement whenever you're in a clinical agency which consists of **Navy Blue scrubs with white lab coat**. Please bring these items with you to orientation to make certain you have purchased the correct ones. Your first day of clinical will be on September 13 from 7:00 to 1:00pm and you will need to be in complete uniform. Uniforms can be purchased at any uniform store. We recommend that you purchase multiple outfits and (2) Lab Coats. You will not be able to attend clinical rotations without a complete uniform. Other items you will also need include: stethoscope, a watch with second hand, comfortable closed toe shoes (clean sneakers are acceptable). In addition you will need to wear a lab coat at all times when in the college laboratory. Lab coats are available in the college bookstore at a reasonable cost.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

By now you have received paperwork for your physical examination. Complete the physical as soon as possible and gather all necessary documentation quickly and return to the Nursing Lab upon receipt in MAS 136. All requirements must be completed and approved by Pam Anania in the Nursing Lab no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This process takes quite a few days, so DO NOT delay. We cannot allow you to attend clinical rotations without clearance from the Nursing Lab.

In addition you will need to show that you have a CPR card (Health provider C).

After your physical and all other admission requirements are complete, you must also obtain a clinical pass from the Health Science Office in MAS 120 and bring it with you to orientation. Remember, you will NOT be able to attend your clinical rotations without physical examination clearance and the clinical pass.

## Good Luck!

This information is to help you make a smooth transition into the program. Once again welcome to the Respiratory Care Program. The next two years are going to require a great deal of study and hard work on your part, but we are certain that you will look back on this experience with great satisfaction. We are always available to help you become successful. We look forward to meeting you on September 6th.

Sincerely,

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