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BCC Respiratory Therapy Program

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Dear Incoming Respiratory Therapy Student,

Welcome to the Respiratory Therapy Program! You are embarking on a very exciting and challenging endeavor. The Respiratory Therapy Program at Brookdale Community College is a comprehensive two-year program with classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences designed to fully prepare you to take the entry level and advanced level 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 August 27th from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. in room MAS 100. During orientation, we will be assigning you laboratory times and handing out and explaining your clinical schedules. You will need to purchase your clinical uniform prior to the start of school. The uniform may be purchased from any uniform store and consists of the following: navy blue scrub top and pants and a 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 8 from 7:00 to 11:00am and you will need to be in complete uniform.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

In addition to the days and times of your courses (RESP 161 and 162 and any other general education courses) are scheduled to meet, you will also be required to attend laboratory demonstrations, scheduled practices and evaluation times. You will need to sign up for laboratory practice and evaluation times for RESP 162. 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. The laboratory times for first year are: Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30 and 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM; Thursday 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM; and Thursday 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM.

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. If you do not receive your pin in time we will supply you with a temporary one.

You may purchase your books in the College Bookstore after August 20th. Look for books listed under RESP 161 and 162. You will also need to purchase a “Universal Agency Manual” (available in the Nursing section). It is a blue soft bound manual. 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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