

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
School of Allied Health Professions
Department of Cardiopulmonary Science

Respiratory Therapy Program Student/Graduate Outcomes

Information on student/graduate outcomes for our program and all other programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) may be found on the CoARC's website at <http://www.coarc.com/47.html>.

Graduation Year	2012 - 2014 (Year Average)	*2015
Number of graduates	7	9
Number of students enrolled	10	13
Attrition (based on enrollment date, not graduation date)	13.3%	15.4%
On-time graduation rate	90.5%	100%
Positive job placement	90.5%	100%
CRT credential success (all graduates)	95.2%	100%
TMC exam – first time passing low cut score	N/A	100%
RRT credential success (all graduates)	95.2%	100%
TMC exam – first time passing high cut score	N/A	88.9%
Clinical Simulation exam – first time passing	95.2%	77.8%

*As of January 1, 2015, the new Therapist Multiple-Choice (TMC) Examination and the new Clinical Simulation Examination are the professional credentialing examinations taken by graduates of CoARC accredited programs to earn the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential and Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credential, which are offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). [The American Association for Respiratory Care, the CoARC, and the NBRC recognize the RRT credential as the “standard of excellence” for respiratory care professionals.](#) The CRT and/or RRT credentials are used as the basis for the licensure in all of the 49 states, including Louisiana, that regulate the practice of respiratory care.

The TMC Examination is designed to objectively measure essential knowledge, skills, and abilities required of entry-level respiratory therapists, as well as determine eligibility for the Clinical Simulation Examination. There are two established cut scores for the TMC Examination.

- If a candidate achieves the lower cut score, they earn the CRT credential.
- If a candidate achieves the higher cut score, they earn the CRT credential AND become eligible for the Clinical Simulation Examination.
- Individuals who attempt and pass the TMC Examination at the higher cut score and attempt and pass the Clinical Simulation Examination are awarded the RRT credential.
- The RRT credential must be earned within three years of completing the respiratory therapy program. The NBRC does provide a means to regaining eligibility to earn the RRT credential.