

Be An RT



Respiratory Therapy is a specialized health care field where practitioners are trained in pulmonary medicine in order to work therapeutically with people suffering from pulmonary disease.

With all the knowledge RTs possess, it's no wonder their days are so diverse. A day in the life of a Respiratory Therapist might include:

- Diagnosing lung and breathing disorders.
- Evaluating patients and consulting with physicians to recommend a change in therapy.
- Analyzing breath, tissue, and blood specimens.
- Managing ventilators and artificial airway devices.
- Responding to emergency situations and urgent calls for care.
- Educating patients and families about lung disease.

In this profession,
there is nowhere to go but **UP!**

Management

Respiratory therapists find great career ladders in most settings—particularly in the hospital, which still employs the majority of therapists. RTs who excel on the job have no problem rising up the ranks from staff therapist, to shift supervisor, to department manager.

Branching Out

RTs who specialize in home care may establish their own companies to provide equipment and clinical services.

Some therapists eventually venture into the corporate world as well, taking positions with equipment manufacturers as product or marketing specialists. With the knowledge gained through years of experience as an RT, their technical and patient care know-how is considered invaluable to these firms.

Teaching

And if teaching is your thing, you can also parlay a successful career as an RT into a faculty position at a school of respiratory therapy, or as a clinical education coordinator for a hospital or other respiratory therapy department.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



But what about the employment and financial outlook?

WE HAVE THAT COVERED TOO!



Average Salary for Respiratory Therapists

The projected average salary for RTs Working in the U.S. is *over \$62,000 a year.*

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of respiratory therapists is expected to increase faster than average over the next decade.



The chance to connect with patients and families, challenge your mind with high tech patient care, experience variety on the job, lots of places to work, and a career ladder that can't be beat — it looks like respiratory care really does have it all.

Learn more about respiratory therapy and your career options online at

www.Be-An-RT.org

You can also speak to your local respiratory program in person: