

General Disclosures – Respiratory Therapy

Credentialing

To practice nationally (in all states except Alaska), Respiratory Therapists must hold a valid Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) or Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential from the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Upon successful completion of the A.S. Respiratory Therapy program, students will be eligible to take the NBRC credentialing exams. More information available at www.nbrc.org.

Programmatic Accreditation:

The Associate of Science in Respiratory Therapy program (320276) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC).

States in which the Respiratory Therapy A.S. curriculum at Independence University **meets** the requirements for professional licensure:

Alabama	Maine	Oklahoma
Arizona	Maryland	Oregon*
California*	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Colorado	Michigan	Rhode Island
Connecticut	Minnesota	South Carolina
District of Columbia	Mississippi	South Dakota
Delaware	Missouri	Tennessee
Florida*	Montana	Texas
Georgia	Nebraska	Utah
Hawaii	Nevada	Vermont
Idaho	New Hampshire	Virginia
Illinois	New Jersey	Washington
Indiana	New Mexico	West Virginia
Iowa	New York	Wisconsin
Kansas	North Carolina	Wyoming
Kentucky	North Dakota	
Louisiana	Ohio	

***California:** Applicants for employment in California are required to complete a Board-approved Law and Professional Ethics course prior to licensure. The course can be completed either through the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) or the California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC). The course can be completed online or through a live session provided by the CSRC. Please visit https://www.rcb.ca.gov/applicants/app_requirements.shtml for additional information.

***Florida:** Applicants for employment in Florida are required to complete a Board approved two hour course in medical error prevention. Please visit <https://floridasrespiratorycare.gov/> for more information.

***Oregon:** Applicants for employment in Oregon must pass the Board approved Respiratory Therapist Oregon Laws and Administrative Rules examination within two years before the date of application. Please visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-RTPT-Respiratory-License.aspx> for more information.

States in which the Respiratory Therapy A.S. curriculum at Independence University **does not meet** the requirements for professional licensure:

Arkansas

States/Territories in which Independence University has been **unable to determine** whether the Respiratory Therapy A.S. curriculum meets the requirements for professional licensure:

State	State Agency	State Agency Website/ Contact Info
American Samoa	American Samoa Department of Health	https://www.americansamoa.gov/department-of-public-health
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Examining Board for Respiratory Care	PO Box 118 Mayaguez, PR 00681 Phone: (201) 565-2134 PO Box 10200 Santurce, PR 00908-0200 Phone: (787) 999-8989 x6588
U.S. Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Department of Health	https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates

States in which licensure is **not required** to work as a respiratory therapist:

Alaska