

## Technical Skills Requirements - Technical Standards

**Hearing:** Able to hear and understand patients and staff; assess and monitor patient or equipment sounds

**Mobility:** Physical endurance and ability to work effectively in a clinical setting for eight (8) to twelve (12) hours per day performing physical tasks requiring physical energy without jeopardizing patient safety. Mobile and strong enough to support and move patients. Examples include the ability to lift up to 50 pounds and walk to all hospital areas, including stairs.

**Visual:** Able to monitor and assess patient and equipment function; to provide safe and effective respiratory care

**Motor Skills:** Be able to perform fine and gross motor skills sufficient to handle equipment and provide safe and effective patient care

**Tactile:** Able to assess patient's response to therapy tactilely. Distinguish textures, degrees of firmness, temperature differences, pulse rate, vibrations, and strength.

**Communication:** Applicants and current students must be able to communicate in English effectively and sensitively with patients. In addition, candidates must be able to communicate in English in oral and written form with faculty, allied personnel, and peers in the classroom and laboratory.

**Intellectual and Cognitive Abilities:** Applicants and current students must be able to measure, calculate and analyze data. They must make proper assessments, use sound judgment, appropriately prioritize therapeutic interventions, and measure and record patient care outcomes.

Students enrolled in the Respiratory Care Program should be able to meet the established technical standards identified above. The Respiratory Care Program's technical standards represent those found in the Respiratory Therapy profession. Triton College is committed to providing access and equal opportunity for all. Reasonable accommodations are provided for all education services, programs, and activities for individuals with disabilities. Students must be able to demonstrate these abilities with or without reasonable accommodations. Accommodations are determined and provided by the [Center for Access and Accommodative Services \(CAAS\)](#).