



CISCO COLLEGE

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Cisco College Respiratory Care Program Grows

Abilene, Texas - February 25, 2020 - For many students, deciding what they want to do after graduating from high school can be a difficult task, especially for medical students.

Some graduates know they want to enter the medical field but don't want to commit the amount of time it takes to become doctors. The Cisco College Respiratory Care program offers these high school graduates an option that takes only 6 semesters but gives them solid career opportunities as well as choices at the end of their training.

"Back in my teenage years I had a few family members that were very sick and I got to see the role that Respiratory Therapists played in saving their lives," said Brittany McPherson, Respiratory Care student at Cisco College. "After that, I started researching the programs in this area. My interest was piqued by the program at Cisco College."

Respiratory therapists work in a wide variety of clinical settings to evaluate, treat, and manage patients of all ages with respiratory illnesses and other cardiopulmonary disorders.

The Respiratory Care program at Cisco College is growing, from 12 students in August 2019 to 25 students set to graduate this coming August, according to Tracy Talley, Director of Respiratory Care at the college.

Of the 12 who graduated in 2019, ten of those students work locally. On average, about 95% of Cisco College Respiratory Care graduates stay in the Big Country area.

"A majority of the students planning on staying here already hold jobs at one of our clinical sites," Talley said. "Over the past 3 years our numbers have grown significantly. The

Respiratory profession as a whole is projected to see an increase in growth due to the special skills that the profession offers the healthcare field.”

For more information about the Respiratory Care program at Cisco College, visit the Abilene campus or www.cisco.edu, or contact Tracy Talley via email at tracy.talley@cisco.edu.

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About Cisco College

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.