

**Pre-Admission GUIDELINES FOR
 Respiratory Therapy Diploma - 3 year
 (September 2026 intake)**



Program Admission Process

Admission is selective and competitive. Not all applicants who meet the minimum requirements are accepted to the program. When selecting students for the Respiratory Therapy Diploma, the Admissions Committee considers the applicant's academic performance on the stated requirements with preference towards post-secondary coursework.

Respiratory Therapy offers a Dual Credential option in which students can also obtain a Bachelor of Health Science degree. Interest in the Dual Credential option is declared during the Winter semester of first year. Acceptance to the Dual Credential option is based on grades as well as the number of available seats.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to refer to the website, especially if there is an interest in the Dual Credential or admission through the fast-track option for degree holders. Evaluation process and details specific to qualifying can be found at <https://www.tru.ca/science/departments/respiratory-therapy/admission-requirements/diploma-and-dual-credential.html>.

Application Deadline: February 1

SELECTIVE ADMISSION PROCESS

Education Ranking Guidelines

Applicants will be ranked by GPA. Seat allocation is based upon the annual applicant pool. The following is a *GUIDELINE only*.

Current High School applicants are required to complete the *5 secondary school admission requirements generating the GPA for consideration*.

Students who have graduated high school presenting UPrep/ABE coursework are placed into this category. If courses are repeated, the highest mark will be used for ranking. A blend of UPrep/ABE and high school courses may be used.

Post-Secondary applicants are ranked based on the following and cumulative GPA:

- a. Applicants with an undergraduate degree (preferably BSc.) and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.33.
- b. One to two years of full-time post-secondary education (preferably in the sciences) and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.33.
- c. Applicants with the highest GPA in high school and post-secondary education combined. Higher grades in post-secondary coursework will replace the stated high school courses, giving a blended GPA.
- d. The number of years in applicable post-secondary education an applicant has completed.
- e. The number of successfully completed (C+ or higher) applicable post-secondary science courses an applicant has completed.

HIGH-SCHOOL APPLICANTS

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS: Minimum Education Requirements
BC Grade 12 (or equivalent) or mature student status
BC English Studies/English First Peoples 12 or TRU ENGL 0600 or ENGL 0620 or ESAL 0570 & 0580 or equivalent with a minimum of 73%
BC Foundations of Math 12 (preferred) Pre-Calculus 12 or TRU Math 0650 or TRU MATH 0600/0610 or equivalent with a minimum 67%
BC Anatomy and Physiology 12 or TRU BIOL 0600 or equivalent with a minimum 67%
BC Chemistry 12 or TRU CHEM 0600 or equivalent with a minimum 67%
BC Physics 11 or higher with a minimum of a 67% or TRU PHYS 0500 or equivalent with a minimum of 67%

How to present a competitive application:

A strong academic history is key and you may need to improve your grades for some of the admission requirements to be considered competitive. Using the table below, enter your *current high school grades* and strategically select the courses you need to upgrade. See the following example:

Current Grade HS Grades	Current %	My Goal GPA	My Goal GPA%	Admission Requirements- high school
B	73	A	95	English Studies 12 or equivalent 73% or higher
C+	67	A	94	Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-calculus 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
A	86	A	91	Anatomy and Physiology 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
B	73	A	92	Chemistry 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
C+	67	A	98	Physics 11 or equivalent 67% or higher
B	73	A	94	Average Grades (fluctuates yearly)

GPA will be calculated on a blend of the following courses with the highest grades:

Grade	%	Course	High school or U Prep courses
			English Studies 12 or equivalent 73% or higher
			Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-calculus 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
			Anatomy and Physiology 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
			Chemistry 12 or equivalent 67% or higher
			Physics 11 or equivalent 67% or higher
			Average

Post-secondary coursework with higher grades will be accepted in place of the above stated high school requirements.

Post-Secondary Institution	Program/Year Level	Total Credits	Credential/Date Awarded

TRU COURSES ACCEPTED TOWARDS A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION

U Prep Course Options		
Admission Requirements	On-Campus	TRU Online Learning
Anatomy & Physiology 12	BIOL 0600	BIOL 0601
Chemistry 12	CHEM 0600	CHEM 0601
Foundations of Math 12 or Pre-Calculus 12	MATH 0650 or MATH 0600 and 0610 or MATH 0630	None or MATH 0633
English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12	ENGL 0600 or ENGL 0620	ENGL 0601
Physics 11	PHYS 0500	PHYS 0501

ADVANCED POST SECONDARY CREDIT COURSES

Advanced credit courses will lighten the workload in the Respiratory Therapy program. However, taking any below-mentioned courses DOES NOT guarantee acceptance into the program.

Advanced credit course	
On-Campus	Online (Open Learning)
6 credits ENGL/CMNS (ENGL 1100 preferred)	ENGL 1101, CMNS 1291, CMNS 1811, CMNS 2291
BIOL 1592	BIOL 1593
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STATISTICS (3 credits)	STAT 1201

If you are interested in one of the following streams, please link [here](#) for more information:

Fast Track- direct entry into year 2 of the Diploma

Dual Credential- Respiratory Therapy Diploma and Bachelor of Health Science, [link](#) here for courses for the BHSc and elective choices

Respiratory Therapy Diploma/Master of Education