

# RESPIRATORY CARE

## Program Outlook



Total employment for Respiratory Therapists in the Kansas City Metro Area was 1,125. Over the past three years, this occupation added 142 jobs in the region and is expected to increase by 138 jobs over the next seven years, or at an annual average rate of 1.7%. The top three hard skills requested: Critical Care, Teaching/Training, and Medication Administration. The top three soft skills requested: Cooperative/Team Player, Interpersonal Relationships/Maintain Relationships, and Self-Motivated/Ability to Work Independently/Self Leadership. Typical Entry-Level Education: Associate's degree.

<b>Employment Information</b>			
	<b>Greater Kansas City Area</b> <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical Area)</small>	<b>State of Kansas</b>	<b>National</b>
2020 Q2	1,125	1,366	135,889
2025 Projected	1,222	1,456	148,179
% Change	8.6%	6.6%	9.0%

<b>Salary Information</b> <small>(Hourly Wage)</small>			
	<b>Greater Kansas City Area</b> <small>(15 counties in KC Metropolitan Statistical area)</small>	<b>State of Kansas</b>	<b>National</b>
Entry Level	\$21.37	\$21.30	\$22.80
Experienced	\$32.06	\$30.17	\$34.72

<b>JCCC Completer Information</b> <small>(2018-2019 Academic Year)</small>	
<b>% Employed in Related Field</b>	<b>Average Hourly Wage</b>
100%	\$23.67

The JCCC Office of Institutional Research conducts a follow-up study of program completers one year after completion.

Note: Salary Information for Greater Kansas City, State, and National is based on JobsEQ 2019 data. JCCC Completer Information is based on employment and wage data supplied by survey respondents, within the first-year post-graduation, and is not necessarily representative of all career program completers.