



Introduction To Health Services Virtual Learning

**HS Introduction to Health Services/
Career Exploration: Respiratory Therapist**

May 8, 2020



High School/Introduction to Health Services
Lesson: Friday, May 8

Objective/Learning Target:
**Describe the activities, responsibilities and training for a
career as a Respiratory Therapist**



Warm Up #1: Your respiratory system is your lungs and passages leading to them. Make a list of diseases or illnesses that impact your lungs.

Warm Up #2: What kinds of things do you think a respiratory therapist might do to assess how well your lungs?



Responses from previous students:

Warm Up #1: Flu, cold, pneumonia, allergies, asthma.

Warm Up #2: Listen to your lungs, see how hard you can blow out.

This list is a pretty good start, but in this lesson, you will find out that there is a lot more than these issues.



Lesson Activity: Video Notes

To begin, get out a sheet of paper and something to write with. As we watch the video, take notes over items that you think are important, or that are new to you.

When you are ready, click here to watch the video [What is Respiratory Therapy?](#)



Practice Questions:

- 1) Which two body systems are the focus of a respiratory therapist?
- 2) Acute care facilities treat patients who experience sudden illnesses. What percent of RTs work in these settings?
- 3) Who must oversee all direct patient care done by an RT?



Practice Questions **Answer Key:**

- 1) Which two body systems are the focus of a respiratory therapist? **Heart and lungs**
- 2) Acute care facilities treat patients who experience sudden illnesses. What percent of RTs work in these settings? **75%**
- 3) Who must oversee all direct patient care done by an RT? **A physician (doctor)**



Lesson Activity Part 2: Video Notes

Make a T-chart on your notes page. On the left side of the T, label the column POSITIVES and label the right side NEGATIVES.

In this activity, we will look at a different video that explores the RT field in a little more depth. As you watch the video, take notes on the T-chart. Be honest, there are no right or wrong answers!