About the program:
The Respiratory Care Program allows you to learn the skills needed to provide therapeutic and diagnostic services to patients with heart and lung disorders. Specific care may include oxygen administration, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, management of mechanical ventilators, administering drugs to the lungs, monitoring cardiopulmonary systems, and measuring lung function.

Blessing-Rieman is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) as well as the Higher Learning Commissions (HLC). We also hold many other agency and state approvals which can be viewed on our website under the About Us section.

Admissions Requirements:
In order to begin Respiratory Care courses at Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing you must meet the following requirements:

- 22 or higher ACT score or pass the Admissions Assessment A2 exam at BRCN.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Support Course GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Completion of the following pre-requisites: English Composition I, General Psychology, Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology, Chemistry, Ethics, Speech, Humanities (History, Literature, or Fine Art), College Algebra or Statistics.

How to apply:
You can apply online through the Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing & Health Sciences website, www.brcn.edu or by requesting an application by calling 1-800-877-9140 extension 6964.

In addition to the application, the following documents are also required:
- Official High School Transcript
- Official ACT/SAT scores
- Official College Transcript(s)

Please send this information to:
Blessing-Rieman College
Attn: Respiratory Care Program
Broadway at 11th Street PO Box 7005
Quincy, IL 62305

Additional Information:
This is a 3 semester Associate of Science in Respiratory Care Degree program. General Education courses and pre-requisites may be taken at any accredited community college or 4-year institution. Respiratory Care courses begin each year in May and continue through the fall and spring semesters at Blessing-Rieman College.

In addition to course work, students will complete over 800 hours of hands-on clinical experience in a variety of settings such as pediatrics, emergency department, the intensive care unit and more! Students will learn skills as well as practice these skills at our Simulation Center. The Simulation Center has 9 simulated manikins which perform an array of life-like functions such as breathing, blinking, lung sounds, heart sounds and even birthing a baby!