



Triton College NEWS

Respiratory Care Program Thrives on Campus

Triton College's Respiratory Care Program is experiencing strong success since its launch last fall – both in the classroom and in the field. Students are thriving in the newly upgraded classrooms equipped with the latest technology, creating an immersive, hands-on learning environment.

“Respiratory therapists are highly in demand,” said Dr. Peter Jaswilko, chair of Triton College’s Allied Health. “Our students are being recruited by every health system and hired as interns. Health providers appreciate all the skills our students learn in the lab. This is a critical moment in the evolution of respiratory care.”

Respiratory care student Nicole Elbacay agrees – “Respiratory therapists have a very important role in a hospital. During COVID, many people experienced respiratory issues. We offer very critical care.”

Why Triton’s Respiratory Care Program Shines

A key strength of Triton’s program is its broad network of clinical partnerships, offering students valuable hands-on experience at some of the top, well-known health care facilities.

The program also earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) with zero citations or recommendations – an achievement that sets it apart.

A Curriculum Built for Success

The program uses an eight-week course model, allowing students to focus on two classes at a time.

Students train on state-of-the-art equipment, including four ventilators for adult, pediatric and neonatal care, high-frequency oscillator ventilator (HFOV), diagnostic pulmonary function testing (PFT) machines, and high- and low-fidelity simulators. Dr. Jaswilko also rents new equipment regularly to keep students up to date with the latest in respiratory care technology.

About Respiratory Therapists

Respiratory therapists perform a wide range of duties, including diagnostic testing, managing ventilators, administering medication, drawing blood and assisting in high-risk deliveries. They work with patients from newborns to the elderly, treating conditions such as asthma, COPD and organ failure. Therapists may also work in research, education, rehabilitation, emergency care, outpatient clinics, sleep labs and even flight transport. The median salary is approximately \$85,000, with entry-level salaries starting between \$65,000-\$70,000. With 25% of the workforce nearing retirement, job opportunities are growing rapidly – up 14% from 2022 to 2024. Hospitals are offering generous incentives, including signing bonuses of up to \$30,000 and student loan forgiveness.

Ready to Begin?

Prospective students are encouraged to attend an upcoming information session – offered both in person and online – to learn more about the program and its requirements.

“We try to offer students different tools and resources,” Jaswilko said. “We want students to succeed in this booming field.”

**To learn more about the Respiratory Care Program,
visit triton.edu/respiratory.**

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Together Again for Something
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Triton College Foundation 27th Annual Golf Outing Thursday, June 26

White Pines Golf Club • Bensenville
Individual Golfers – \$175
Foursomes – \$700

Hole-in-One Special!
Birdie Sponsor – \$1,100

**Includes a foursome, signage at welcome area and
two hole signs on both courses being used for the outing,
as well as name/logo on promotional material and website.**

It’s that time again! The Triton College Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, will host its 27th annual golf outing on Thursday,



June 26, at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. The event, open to novice and skilled golfers alike, will kick off at 10 a.m., with an 18-hole round of golf, golf carts, goodie bags, continental breakfast, lunch, dinner and prizes.

Golfers may register as individuals for \$175 per person or as a foursome for \$700.

Exclusive corporate, par and hole sponsorships are available as well. Sponsorships

begin at \$200. The Foundation is also accepting prizes for its annual Super Raffle. Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Proceeds from the annual golf outing will benefit Triton College Foundation scholarships and more.

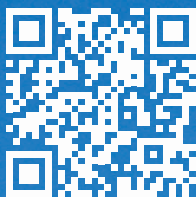
**To register for the event or to become a sponsor,
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**Call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3758, or
send an email to tcfoundation@triton.edu.**



There is still time
to register for summer!

Classes begin May 27.
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