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This document is meant to supplement your research about the educational and certification requirements for working as a Respiratory Therapist on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: Forsyth Tech's Respiratory Therapy program trains students to assess, treat, and manage patients with cardiopulmonary disorders in hospitals, clinics, and home care settings.

Licensure and Certification: All states except Alaska require licensure for respiratory therapists. Graduates must pass the Therapist Multiple-Choice (TMC) exam and, in most states, the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Students should consult their state respiratory care board or licensing authority for full licensure guidelines.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource \(1\)](#)

[Additional Resource \(2\)](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Respiratory Therapy are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Respiratory Therapy licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	