

**Selective Admission
Requirements**

**Respiratory Therapy
2026**

Deadline for all requirements

February 1, 2026

The requirements for the Respiratory Therapy program are different than the requirements for other Selective Admissions programs. Please read the entire packet carefully to assure that all requirements are complete before the deadline date.

**MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SELECTIVE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
FALL 2026 Respiratory Therapy**

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To be considered for admission to the **RESPIRATORY THERAPY** program, applicants are required to complete ALL requirements. ALL appropriate documentation must be on file at the Office of Records & Registration by the February 1, 2026 deadline date for the program that begins Fall 2026. Macomb's Selective Admission programs have assessment and admission requirements that are considerably different than other Macomb programs.

It is encouraged that Selective Admission applicants review the Selective Admission video prior to taking the **HESI Admission Assessment** and submitting an application to the program. This video will review the application process, program prerequisites, and requirements. Refer to the video link located on the Selective Admissions webpage. Contact the Counseling and Academic Advising Office at 586.445.7999 for further program information.

REQUIREMENTS

1. SUBMIT SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Submit a Respiratory Therapy application (application available online in late September 2025). If you are not a current or former student at Macomb Community College, you must also apply for admission and complete all admission steps prior to applying for a selective admissions program.

2. COMPLETE PREREQUISITES

The following courses must be completed by the end of the Fall 2025 term prior to the application deadline of February 1, 2026. Candidates must successfully complete the following courses, or their direct equivalents at another accredited institution, as defined by Macomb Community College with a punitive grade of C (2.0 GPA) or better prior to the deadline date of February 1, 2026. A punitive grade is one that affects the grade point average. A grade of C- is not acceptable. A GPA will be calculated on the prerequisite courses.

BIOL-2400* – General Microbiology **OR BIOL-2730*** – Pathogenic Microbiology
BIOL-2710* – Human Physiological Anatomy

*Courses must be taken within 5 years of the Respiratory-Therapy application deadline date with grades earned in Winter 2021 or newer. Courses older than 5 years will not be used for ranking.

3. SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Arrange for official college transcript(s), including College Board (CLEP & AP) AND International Baccalaureate, to be sent directly from **EACH** institution attended. **Macomb Community College transcripts are not required to be sent.** To meet the deadline of February 1, 2026, it is recommended that applicants request to have their current name, date of birth, and Macomb ID number posted on their transcript. Transcripts that are issued to the student will not be accepted.

Mail: Macomb Community College
Office of Records & Registration (Center Campus G-110)
44575 Garfield Rd.
Clinton Twp., MI 48038-1139
Or email: transcripts@macomb.edu

4. COMPLETE THE HESI ADMISSION ASSESSMENT EXAM

Applicants must complete the HESI Admission Assessment Exam at Macomb Community College (scores from other locations won't be accepted). Registration opens after October 1, 2025, and early sign-up is advised. The exam can only be taken once per Selective Admissions cycle, but scores are valid for three cycles or until requirements change. Retakes are allowed in future cycles to improve scores. Visit the Selective Admissions webpage for more details.

5. SUBMIT STATE OF MICHIGAN CNA CERTIFICATE & VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT (OPTIONAL – NOT REQUIRED)

Students who have received a State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate prior to the application deadline of February 1, 2026, can submit the State of Michigan CNA certificate for experience and submit verification of current related work experience.

SUBMIT Verification of Current employment: Students who have received a State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification must provide verification of current employment provided by employer on company letterhead stipulating length of employment and contact information for verification.

Note - This is not a requirement, but experience is included in ranking. See ranking explanation for additional details. Certificates and verification must be uploaded in the Selective Admissions application online before the February 1, 2026, deadline.

RANKING

All applicants whose documentation is complete and on file by the deadline date are ranked according to the following criteria. Available seats are filled in the same rank order. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the deadline date with a grade of C (2.0 GPA) or better to be ranked. If AP, CLEP, and/or IB scores are used, the score is converted to a punitive grade and used for ranking.

- The **GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)** of the two prerequisite courses (BIOL-2730 or BIOL-2400 and BIOL-2710) are computed and weighted at 40% each.
- The composite score of the **HESI Admission Assessment** is weighted at 10%. The composite score is the average score of the cumulative results of all components of the **HESI Admission Assessment**. If the exam has been taken more than once, the highest score will be used within the three-year selective admission cycle period.
- BIOL-2400 OR BIOL-2730 & BIOL-2710 must be taken within 5 years of the Respiratory Therapy program application deadline date (grades must be earned in Winter 2021 or newer) to be used for ranking. If a student is required to repeat a course at Macomb Community College due to the 5 year requirement, the repeated course may not be covered by financial aid.
- Students who have received a State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate and provide documentation of current employment will receive additional points used in ranking. If you have received your CNA, email your state issued CNA certificate and verification of current employment from employer on company letterhead by February 1, 2026. CNA certificate will add an additional 1 point in ranking, weighted at 10%.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR SUCCESSFULLY RANKED CANDIDATES

A mandatory orientation will be held sometime during the month of May 2026. You must attend this orientation to be considered for the program. No other orientation will be offered. If you do not attend, it will be understood that you are not interested in entering the program and your name will be removed as a candidate. If you are selected as an alternate candidate, you must also attend the mandatory orientation; no additional orientations will be held.

PROCESSING

Applicants will be ranked in the Respiratory Therapy program ONLY if they have applied and completed all the requirements to the program BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2026 DEADLINE DATE. The processing of all applicants (including filing, computations, and ranking) takes approximately three months following the deadline date. At that time, all applicants are notified by mail or email of the admission decision, no later than May 1, 2026. Applicants who are selected for the program and choose not to enroll and applicants who are not selected are eligible to reapply for the following year. All applicants are ranked on the above criteria; preference will not be given to students who have previously applied.

Applicants selected for admission are required to submit a \$100.00 **non-refundable** fee to confirm acceptance into the program. They must also attend the mandatory program orientation and pass the required criminal background check and required drug screen to retain their seats.

Note: Some or all the admission criteria listed above may constitute change from the past policy. Macomb retains the prerogative of changing admission procedures and requirements. Furthermore, students and prospective students bear the responsibility for keeping informed of college procedures and requirements.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENS

Macomb Community College's clinical partners may not accept students who have been convicted of certain crimes or test

positive for certain drugs into a clinical learning environment. Therefore, students must undergo a Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen, at their own expense, through CastleBranch.com in order to be considered for admission to the Respiratory Therapy program.

NOTE: Do not order your criminal background check or drug screen at this time; students will get more information at the mandatory orientation.

RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM WAITING PERIODS

Students are required to disclose any and all federal, state (including states other than Michigan), or local crimes for which the student has been convicted to the Associate Dean for the program the student wishes to enter. Convictions occurring before admission to the program must be reported to the Associate Dean prior to acceptance into the program. Convictions occurring after acceptance into the program must be reported to the Associate Dean immediately.

A student is not eligible for admission to the Respiratory Therapy program for a period of years following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing for conviction of certain crimes. The precise number of years a student must wait following sentencing depends upon the nature of the offense. Generally speaking, the more serious the offense, the longer the student must wait before eligibility is restored.

Macomb Community College has adopted the waiting periods specified in MCL 330.1134a.

If a student has been convicted of a crime, the student should consult the Respiratory Therapy Program Waiting Periods (table below) BEFORE seeking admission to the Respiratory Therapy program to determine the specific waiting period, if any, applicable to that conviction. Failure to disclose conviction of a crime listed in MCL 330.1134a is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Respiratory Therapy program. If a student is convicted of a crime listed in MCL 330.1134a while in the Respiratory Therapy program, the student will be immediately dismissed from the program.

Waiting Period	Type of Crime
Lifetime Ban	Felonies related to neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of health care Felonies relating to health care fraud Felonies related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance if the conviction was entered on or after August 21, 1996 Adulteration of drugs or medicine injurious to health Selling, distributing, delivering, or furnishing product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine
15 years following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing	A felony involving intent to cause death or serious impairment of a body function A felony resulting in death or serious impairment of a body function A felony involving the use of force or violence A felony involving the threat of the use of force or violence A felony involving cruelty or torture A felony involving intentional or reckless harm to a vulnerable adult by a caregiver or person with authority over a vulnerable adult A felony involving criminal sexual conduct A felony involving abuse or neglect A felony involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon
10 years following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing	Any other felony, or attempt or conspiracy to commit a felony

<p>10 years <i>following the date of conviction</i></p>	<p>A misdemeanor involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon with the intent to injure</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon that results in a personal injury</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving the use of force or violence or the threat of the use of force or violence</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving intentional or reckless harm to a vulnerable adult by a caregiver or person with authority over a vulnerable adult</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving criminal sexual conduct</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving cruelty or torture</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving abuse or neglect</p>
<p>5 years <i>following the date of conviction</i></p>	<p>A misdemeanor involving cruelty if committed by someone who is less than 16 years of age</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving home invasion</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving embezzlement</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving negligent homicide</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving larceny</p> <p>A misdemeanor of retail fraud in the second degree</p> <p>Any other misdemeanor involving assault, fraud, theft, or the possession or delivery of a controlled substance</p>
<p>3 years <i>following the date of conviction</i></p>	<p>A misdemeanor for assault if there was no use of a firearm or dangerous weapon and no intent to commit murder or inflict great bodily injury</p> <p>A misdemeanor of retail fraud in the third degree</p> <p>A misdemeanor involving the creation, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance</p>
<p>1 year <i>following the date of conviction</i></p>	<p>A misdemeanor involving the creation, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance if the individual was under 18 at the time of conviction</p> <p>A misdemeanor for larceny or retail fraud in the second or third degree if the individual, at the time of conviction, is under the age of 16</p>

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