

FAQ's Merit Respiratory Care Admissions 2010

Q1. What is Merit Admissions?

A1. Merit Admissions is a process by which students who have been accepted to the Respiratory Care program may apply for special consideration for priority admission with an earlier start date. Points are awarded on pre-set, published criteria. Students are ranked based on their total number of points. The top students by point total are then admitted based on the number of available slots.

Q2. Is Merit Admissions replacing the regular Respiratory Care admissions process?

A2. No, in fact, in order to be eligible for Merit Admissions, the applicant must already be accepted through the regular admissions process to the Respiratory Care Program.

Q3. Who can apply for Merit Admissions?

A3. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for Merit Respiratory Care Admissions:

- Acceptable admission criteria:
 - Successful completion of the interview process and acceptance through the regular admissions process to the Respiratory Care Program.

Q4. I already have a future start date. Am I automatically considered for Merit Admissions?

A4. No. If you wish to be considered for Merit Admissions, you must submit a completed Merit Checklist to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 215 c/o Kim Lander or mail to Midlands Technical College, P.O. Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, and Attn: Admissions / Airport Campus. Completed checklists must be received by June 15, 2010, no later than 4:30 pm. *Checklists postmarked on or before May 31, 2010 will not be accepted if they arrive after June 15, 2010 at 4:30 pm. All required documentation must be submitted with the Merit Checklist. Only complete Merit Checklists will be processed.*

Q5. I have not yet applied to the Respiratory Care Program. How do I apply for Merit Admission?

A5. You must first apply for admissions to the Respiratory Care Program in the usual manner. (See Q2 and Q3 above.)

Q6. I'm waiting for my start date and don't think I'll qualify for Merit Admissions. Does this mean I can lose my place or get bumped down the waiting list?

A6. No.

Q7. When / How will I know if I've been accepted?

A7. Letters indicating whether acceptance for Merit Admissions has been met will be mailed by June 15, 2010.

Q8. If I am accepted on May 31, 2010 under Merit Admissions, when will I start the Respiratory Care Program?

A8. You will start the program in August 2010, Fall Semester.

Q9. **Once awarded/approved for Merit Admissions, will students admitted under Merit Admissions be treated any differently than those admitted under the usual Respiratory Care admissions process?**

A9. No. All Respiratory Care students will be expected to uphold/meet all Respiratory Care Program standards.

Q10. **What if I still have questions?**

A10. After reviewing all available information on Merit Respiratory Care Admissions, you may contact the following people with additional questions:

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