



Why should you choose or consider a career in respiratory therapy education?

“Finding your why” has been a popular movement for individuals and organizations centered around discovering purpose and inspiration for the work you do. You have chosen to become a respiratory therapist, and every respiratory therapist has a passion for taking care of patients. But maybe it is time for you to consider the opportunity to expand your influence on the care patients receive and your impact on the profession of respiratory therapy by pursuing a career in respiratory therapy education.

RT education offers expanded opportunities to touch people’s lives – both patients and students. Your sphere of influence expands and allows you to create the future of patient care. You can share all of the things you have learned caring for patients with enthusiastic, excited and eager students as they become members of your profession.

There are many options to grow both personally and professionally as an RT educator. You can continue your education journey, taking advantage of the generous tuition benefits offered by most education institutions for both yourself and your immediate family. Schedule flexibility allows you to develop professionally through service and leadership activities in your local, state and national RT organizations. This also allows you to develop an extensive network of connections you can leverage for additional growth and influence.

And speaking of family, RT education is a family-friendly career choice. The work-life balance is very favorable and RT education is a great lifestyle choice. It is less physically demanding than working in a hospital, which can become important after working many 12-hour shifts on your feet! In addition to tuition benefits, most education institutions offer a very generous retirement and healthcare benefits package. And the schedule flexibility allows for integration of career and family more effectively than some other RT career options.

If you are even a little interested in or curious about pursuing RT education, please continue to learn more by reviewing “Try It Out”.

Why RT Education?

Influence	Lifestyle Choice
Impact is expanded – you have opportunities to touch more people’s lives, both patients and students	Enables personal and professional growth
Rewarding to create the future of respiratory therapy	Flexibility, especially with your schedule
Opportunities to share what you have learned taking care of patients	Opportunities for leadership and professional development afforded by the schedule flexibility and the resulting connections you make
Working with students - they are enthusiastic, excited and eager!	Family-friendly career, with better work-life balance than managers
Chance to share your passion and pass it on to someone new	Generous benefits packages including retirement and tuition for you and your family
	Less physically demanding than working in a hospital
	Tons of job opportunities