

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Religious Studies program at Orange Coast College is designed to give students broad introduction to the academic study of religion. Students working towards an Associate in Arts degree will find Religious Studies courses can be used for some General Education requirements. Students transferring to Religious Studies programs at four-year colleges will have a strong background for upper division work in the field.

### Program Outcome

After completion of the Certificate Program students will be able to explain various dimensions of religion, describe a methodology for studying religion, and be able to describe and compare some beliefs and practices of two or more religions.

### CERTIFICATE OF SPECIALIZATION

#### Required Courses

Course			Units
Intro to Religious Studies	RLST	A100	(3)
World Religion	RLST	A110	(3)
Philosophy of Religion	RLST	A115	(3)
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>(9)</b>

#### Select six (6) units from the following:

History of Christianity	RLST	A128	(3)
Life & Times of Jesus	RLST	A130	(3)
History of Judaism	RLST	A140	(3)
Mysticism and Meditation	RLST	A145	(3)
Eastern Thought	RLST	A150	(3)
Islam	RLST	A160	(3)
			<b>(6)</b>

**Total: (15)**

## RESPIRATORY CARE

### Associate in Science Degree

Respiratory Care is an allied health specialty dealing with the diagnosis, treatment, and management of patients with acute and chronic diseases affecting the pulmonary system. Respiratory Care Practitioners/Respiratory Therapists work in all areas within the hospital, especially within the critical care areas with patients who are in a life-threatening phase of their illness. Additionally, some Respiratory Care Practitioners/Respiratory Therapists work with home care agencies to treat patients in their homes. Duties include analysis of pulmonary function and arterial blood gases, life support ventilation, CPR, assessment of pulmonary status, airway care, plus other related duties. Specialties in Respiratory Care include adult critical care, neonatal and pediatric critical care, pulmonary function testing, home care and rehabilitation, management, and education.

The Respiratory Care program at Orange Coast College is a two-year Associate in Science Degree program beginning each fall semester. The student must complete General Education requirements and program prerequisites prior to entering the program. Courses within the program include lectures, skills application of procedures and techniques in a laboratory setting on campus, and approximately 1000 hours of clinical practice. Clinical practice is within area hospitals performing the latest procedures in medicine. There is also a series including discussions with physicians.

The Respiratory Care program at Orange Coast College is fully accredited. Program graduates are eligible for California legal certification (licensure) (RCP) and Certification (CRT) and Registry (RRT) by the National Board for Respiratory Care. The employment outlook for Respiratory Care Practitioners/Respiratory Therapists is very good throughout the United States. Most graduates obtain jobs within the Orange County/Long Beach areas.

