**Purpose:** To support the curricular and research needs of the students and faculty of the Department of Respiratory Therapy. The department offers a program that leads to a Bachelor of Science degree in Respiratory Therapy and the Master’s in Health Sciences and a Bridge program (A. S. to B. S. program) for those with an Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy and who are eligible for the Registered Respiratory of Therapy Credential. The program provides classroom study with observation, clinical experience, independent study, and seminars. The program is designed to support the specialty area of respiratory therapy – a health care profession dedicated to the care, management, and life-support of individuals having deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system.

**General Collection Guidelines:**

a. **Languages:** Primarily English language materials.

b. **Chronological:** The emphasis is on current information. Some selective purchase of textbooks.

c. **Treatment of Subject:** Mostly scholarly materials will be acquired. Selective purchase of textbooks.

d. **Types of Materials:** Periodicals are of primary importance. Selection will also include monographs, electronic resources and treatises, proceedings and/or transactions of conferences, congresses, and symposia, compendia and data collections. Some audio-visual materials will be acquired. Interactive video and computer assisted instructional materials will be added as the budget permits.

e. **Date of Publication:** Primarily current imprints will be selected.

**Observations and Qualifications by Subject Subdivision:**

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respiratory equipment and procedures.

Pediatric and Neonatal Respiratory Care
Includes processes of growth and development relating to respiratory care from the fetus to the adolescent.

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