

4 Questions with...



Roger Foster
Respiratory Therapist

Why did you choose to go into the Respiratory Care field?

I had a great career performing environmental testing that had extensive travel in the US and Canada. My mother's health was failing after a heart valve replacement. I switched careers to assist with her care. After her passing, my father's health had diminished and I chose to stay in Worcester to help him, when opportunity for career continuation would have required relocation within the US. I started at Quinsigamond Community College to understand health care. I completed the CNA program and, because family and friends have been afflicted with varying respiratory issues, I decided to continue advancing my knowledge and experience with the Respiratory Care program. I like that the respiratory field presents a

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variety of challenges and requires continuing education. Another benefit to pursuing a career in this field is that it offers opportunities to evaluate and implement strategies that make a difference and save lives.

How did you come to choose QCC for your education in Respiratory Care?

I chose QCC because of its location, value, and reputation. The medical community has identified the Respiratory Care program at QCC as high quality and a good value. It also provided me with excellent preparation for board certification and work-related activities.

Can you describe some of your typical daily tasks and responsibilities as a respiratory therapist?

My typical responsibilities include evaluating new patients, continually monitoring and treating patients, responding to codes, and using a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic instruments.

What words of wisdom would you give students who are considering a career in Respiratory Care?

Completing a college program opens doors to opportunities far beyond the discipline studied. Be accountable and rise to the academic challenge by taking ownership of your actions.

The Path to Success

Bachelor of Science, Economics
Worcester State College – 1989

Master of Science, Business Administration
Anna Maria College – in progress since 2004

Preferred Client Consultant
The Hanover Insurance Group/Allmerica Financial – 2000-2006

Active Trader of Securities
Self-employed – 2007-Present

Associate Degree, Respiratory Care
Quinsigamond Community College – 2011

Respiratory Therapist
Marlboro Hospital – 2011

Awards

2011 Recipient Award in Respiratory Care Excellence

2011 Goodwill Ambassador for ALA Conference