

RESC 4801 - Special Topics in Respiratory Care

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 43273,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

4801. Special Topics in Respiratory Care. Focused research of a special problem/issue related to respiratory care. The topic of interest allows the student to participate in focused investigation of aspects of administration, clinical specialization, or research. May be repeated up to a total of 3 s.h. Prereq.: none. 1-3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Appropriate posted readings as assigned, access to a multimedia computer system, appropriate software and access to the Internet is required to obtain blackboard access YSU email for communicating class information and supplemental information and participate in course activities.		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Read: General Format In Text Citations Reference List Format Review PowerPoint: RESC 4801 project options	Weeks 1 and 2 Introduction to the course Review of Syllabus . Project contract	Discussion 1: Project Choice and Rationale Discussion Complete Discussion Post Assignment 1: Submit Project contract
10/26	Read: General Format In Text Citations Reference List Format Review PowerPoint: RESC 4801 project options	Weeks 1 and 2 Introduction to the course Review of Syllabus Project Rationale. Project Contract	Discussion 1: Project Choice and Rationale Discussion Complete Discussion Post Assignment 1: Submit Project contract
11/2	Read: Independent Resource Curation Review and curate various professional resources (AARC, NBRC, CoARC, etc.) as well as related current literature that are needed to complete your independent project	Weeks 2 and 3 Project Progress	Module 2 Discussion - Project Progress Continue working toward completing your final project. If you are completing a time log, please add to that weekly as you will submit that as evidence of your completion in Module 3, Week 6, and reflect upon it in Module 4, Week 7.



11/9	Read: Independent Resource Curation Review and curate various professional resources (AARC, NBRC, CoARC, etc.) as well as related current literature that are needed to complete your independent project	Weeks 2 and 3 Project Progress	Module 2 Discussion - Project Progress Continue working toward completing your final project. If you are completing a time log, please add to that weekly as you will submit that as evidence of your completion in Module 3, Week 6, and reflect upon it in Module 4, Week 7.
11/16		Week 4 and 5 Mini Reflection	Module 3 Discussion: Mini Reflection of Project Milestone 2: Project Submission Independent Resource Curation
11/23		Week 4 and 5 Mini Reflection	Module 3 Discussion: Mini Reflection of Project Milestone 2: Project Submission Independent Resource Curation
11/30		Week 7 Project Reflection	Module 4 Discussion: Project Reflection Milestone 4: Project Reflection

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