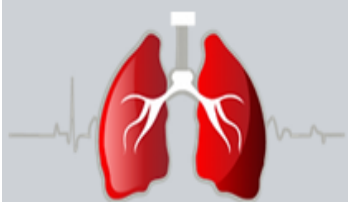


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Alabama Society for Respiratory Care

The 2025 ASRC Conference Was a Breath of Fresh Air

The 2025 ASRC Annual Conference in beautiful Orange Beach was a tremendous success! Respiratory therapists, students, educators, and vendors from across the U.S. came together for a memorable few days of learning, networking, and fun at the beach!

A huge thank-you goes to each presenter who helped make this year's sessions informative, engaging, and relevant to our ever-evolving field. We're also grateful to our vendors for their support and participation. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the latest products, technologies, and services that are shaping the future of respiratory care.

Congratulations to all of our award and scholarship recipients. Your commitment to respiratory care does not go unnoticed! More info and images on page 3.

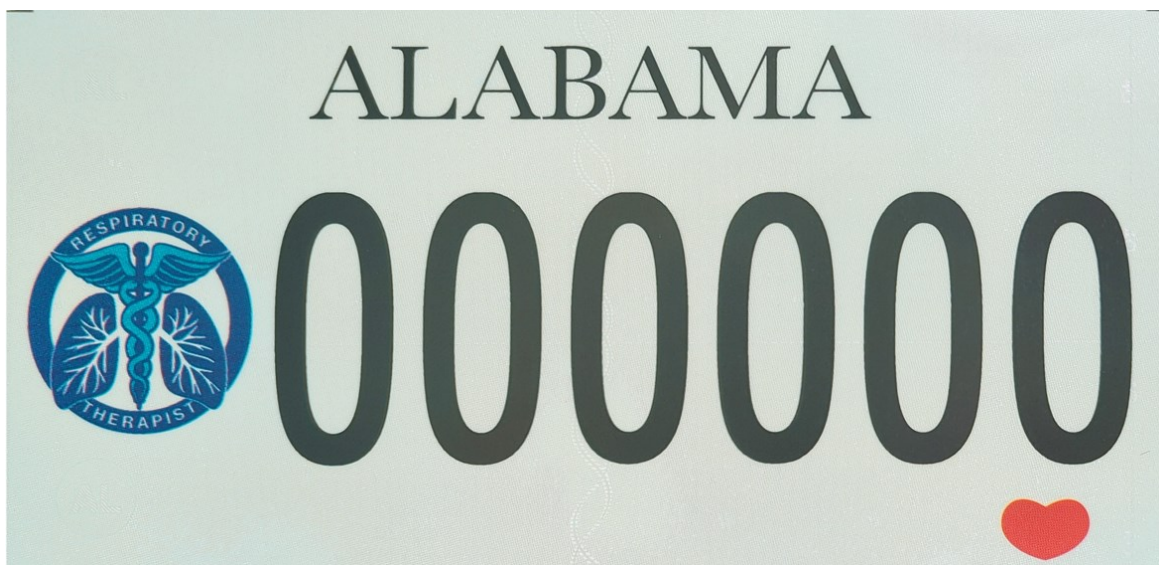
Be sure to visit the ASRC Facebook page to check out photos from the conference and see all the fun that was had!

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us next year for the 2026 ASRC Annual Conference, returning to Orange Beach **April 8–10, 2026**. We can't wait to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, presented, and supported this year's conference. Until next year!



RT License Plate Now Available for Pre-Commitment Orders!



We are thrilled to introduce the brand-new Respiratory Therapy distinctive license plate, now available for pre-commitment orders on the Alabama Department of Revenue website!

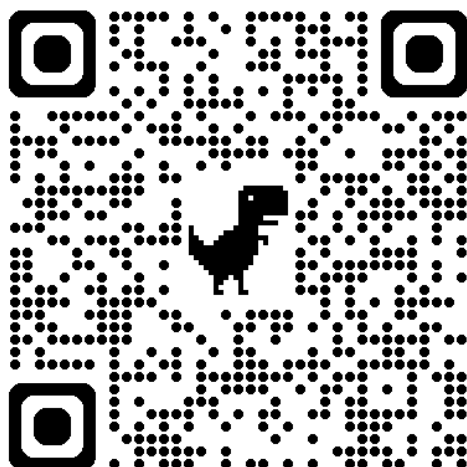
Pre-commitment is a wonderful way to show your support for our profession. Whether you're a respiratory therapist, a healthcare advocate, or simply someone who values the vital work done in this field, this plate is for you.

You don't need to be a respiratory therapist to order and anyone can show their support!

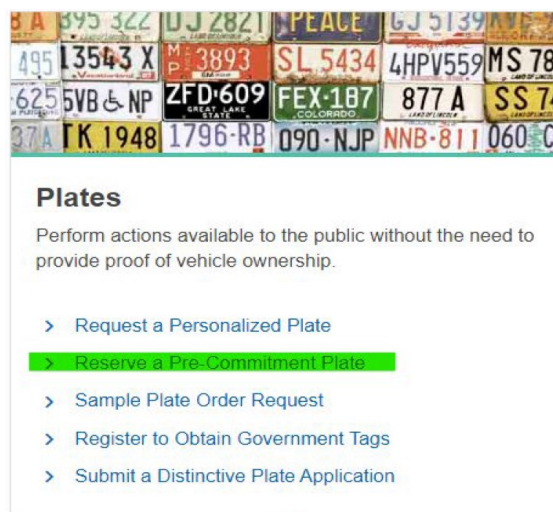
How to Pre-Commit:

1. Visit the Alabama Department of Revenue website at:
<https://www.revenue.alabama.gov/division/motor-vehicle/>

Or scan this code:



2. Navigate to: "Reserve a Pre-commitment Plate" towards the center bottom of the page.



3. On the Plate Type drop down, select "Alabama Society for Respiratory Care"

4. Complete the application with your name, address, and vehicle information like make, model, year, and VIN for each vehicle. Also the plate can be personalized! By pre-committing to this custom plate, you'll help us reach our goal of 250 plates, which is the number of orders required to make this design a reality. Once we meet our goal, your custom plate will be produced and shipped to you.

Join us in celebrating and supporting the work of respiratory therapy professionals. Let's hit the road with pride and spread awareness!!

Congratulations to the 2025 ASRC Award and Scholarship Winners!



Top Left: Robert Park, Rhonda Hood Award for Lasting and Sustainable Contributions to the Respiratory Therapy Profession Winner, presented by Bob Crumpton

Top Center: Nathan Drake, Don Creel Award for Industrial Representative of the Year Winner, presented by Susan Creel

Top Right: Dr. Pete Morris, Brenda Basnight Award for Outstanding Service to the RT Profession, Mentoring and Community Service Winner, presented by Robert Johnson



Bottom Right: Donna Fuller, Fred Hill Specialty Practitioner of the Year Award Winner, presented by Ed Goodwin

ASRC Scholarship Recipients:
Left Middle: CACC student Haylie Clarke, presented by Byron Truelove
Left Bottom: UNA student Abby Schmidt, presented by Lisa Montiel
Not Pictured: JSU students Sam Kilgo and Tameia Armstead



ASRC Upcoming Events!! Still need CRCEs?

The ASRC board is excited to continue making professional development more accessible and organized for respiratory therapists across the state! We're introducing a consistent schedule for our key events, making it easier for you to earn CEU/CRCE and plan ahead to join us for everything we have planned.

Mark Your Calendars: Here's a sneak peek at our annual event lineup:

Annual Conference at the Beach – Join us every April to combine learning with the relaxing backdrop of the beach. Next years conference will be April 8-10, 2026.

Early Professionals Conference – Held in February, this event will alternate locations between Montgomery and Birmingham each year. Next years conference will be in Birmingham.

Montgomery Mini-Conference – Coming Soon: June 19th

Huntsville Mini-Conference – Happening in August, perfect for our North AL therapists. Date: August 8th.

Birmingham Mini-Conference – Concluding our mini-conference series in September each year. This year the conference will be September 17th.

By standardizing our event schedule, we aim to make it easier for you to stay on top of your professional development. We look forward to seeing you at these events and continuing to support your growth in respiratory therapy!

More information about any of our events, visit the Events tab at <https://www.alsrc.org/>

We're thrilled to keep our Tuesday Talks going strong! These insightful sessions feature exceptional presenters, brought to you by your dedicated district representatives. They're a great way to stay engaged and informed throughout the year.

Our next Tuesday Talk is May 13th with Jessica Taylor from Legacy of Hope, presenting "Respiratory Therapist Role in Organ Donation." Registration is open now and **FREE** to AARC members, and \$10 for non-members.

There will also be a Tuesday Talk on July 8th. Check out the ASRC website for more information!



Trivia Time: How Well Do You Know RT History?

Whether you're a seasoned therapist or a student just starting out, we bet there's something in here to surprise you!

Test Your Knowledge!

1. In what year did Edwin R. Levine, MD establish an inhalation therapy program at Michael Reese Hospital? A. 1947 B. 1950 C. 1943 D. 1960

2. In what year did 2 credentialing programs merge to form the National Board for Respiratory Therapy (NBRT)? A. 1974 B. 1970 C. 1975 D. 1969

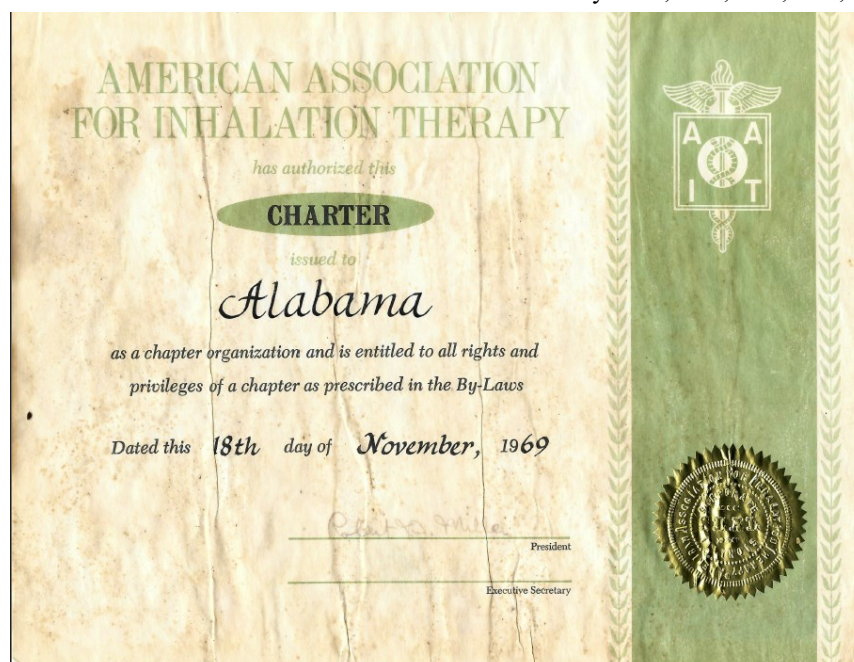
3. What year did the American Registry of Inhalation Therapists (ARIT) administer the first Registry exams in Minneapolis? A. 1959 B. 1960 C. 1965 D. 1970

4. Which piece of equipment was not used in early respiratory care? A. Iron lung B. Bird Mark 7 ventilator C. Pressure swing adsorption unit D. Spirometer

5. What year did the American Association for Inhalation Therapy recognize the Alabama Chapter? A. 1950 B. 1969 C. 1960 D. 1965

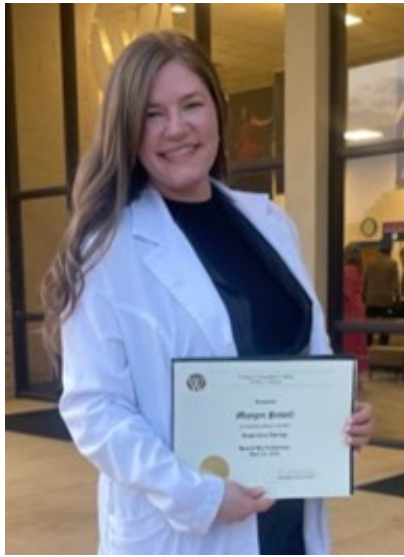
Hint! Check out this original certificate recognizing the Alabama Chapter!

Answer Key: 1–C, 2–A, 3–B, 4–C, 5–B



Student Update

Congratulations to Jefferson State CC's most recent cohort! They graduated in December 2024 and have now all passed the TMC exam! Way to go!



Pictured Right: Elizabeth Woodham, Wallace CC Tassel Award Winner.

Pictured Above: May Powell, Wallace CC Outstanding Student

Pictured Left: May Powell (left) and Allison Duke (right), winners of the Dr. Allen and Ronnie Latimer Scholarship winners

Congratulations to all of you!! Great Job!



Pictured Right: Congratulations to the Wallace CC Respiratory Therapy 2025 Graduates! We know you have worked hard!



Student Update Continued...

Pictured Right: Welcome to the UWA inaugural RT class who began Jan 2025. Not pictured Mary Danner. We can't wait to see what wonderful therapists you will become!



Pictured Bottom: Coastal Alabama instructor Callie Owen, PA-C, MHS, RRT, RRT-ACCS instructs on arterial line insertion techniques.



Pictured Above: Coastal Alabama instructors and students take a break at Tacky Jacks after the ASRC Annual Conference in Orange Beach.

Student Update Continued...

Trenholm State CC would like to recognize Cami Welch (bottom left), senior RPT student, for receiving the Outstanding Student Award for the highest GPA in her cohort and Alexus Greene (bottom right), junior RPT student for receiving a tuition scholarship from TSCC. Both students were recognized for the academic excellence during the Honor's Convocation Ceremony on April 9th.

Pictured Right: Clint Williams (senior) and Erika Julian (senior) participated in the HOSA event in February.



Pictured Right: The Trenholm State CC junior students participated in the Alabama People Against a Littered State (PALS) event to keep Montgomery, AL clean on April 4th.



Student Update Continued...

The Shelton State Association for Respiratory Care Students (SSARCS) participated in a "Campus Clean-up Day" on Friday, April 4, 2025, as an Alabama Community College System Spring Clean-up initiative.



UNA launched a chapter of The Lambda Beta Society. Meagan Curtis (pictured right) was inducted as the first member holding a GPA of 3.85, while majoring in Respiratory Care and Minor in Psychology. Congratulations!



Student Update Continued...

Thursday, April 24th, JSU RT held its annual Senior Recognition & Pinning Ceremony. Several JSU seniors and supporters were recognized at the ceremony.

Congratulations to the following!

- JSU RT Leadership Award - Tameia Armstead
- JSU RT Clinical Excellence Award - Jonathan Brown
- JSU RT Outstanding Scholar Award - Brittany Nguyen
- JSU RT True Grit Award - Olivia Trejo

The following JSU students were inducted into the National Lambda Beta

Society: Mackenzie Bailey, Jonathan Brown, Brittany Nguyen, Jordan Sabree, Chloe Taylor, & Brittany Williams

The program and students also recognize some of those that help support the program along the way:

- Mrs. Carolyn Greger, Director of Respiratory Services at Coosa Valley Medical Center in Sylacauga, AL, was awarded JSU RT Advisory Board Member of the Year.
- 2025 Clinical Preceptor of the Year was a tie! Lauren Dover from Gadsden Regional and RMC Aniston, as well as Josh Jackson from Tanner Medical Center

Congratulations to the following scholarship winners!

- Mackenzie Bailey, senior RT student, was awarded \$1,500
- Brittany Nguyen, senior RT student, was awarded \$750
- Tameia Armstead, senior RT student, was awarded \$750
- Madison Barnhart, junior RT student, was awarded \$2,000

JSU is proud of their 24 students who will graduate on Thursday, May 1st at 1pm. Applications for the fall 2025 cohort will close on June 1st.

Congratulations and wonderful job everyone!

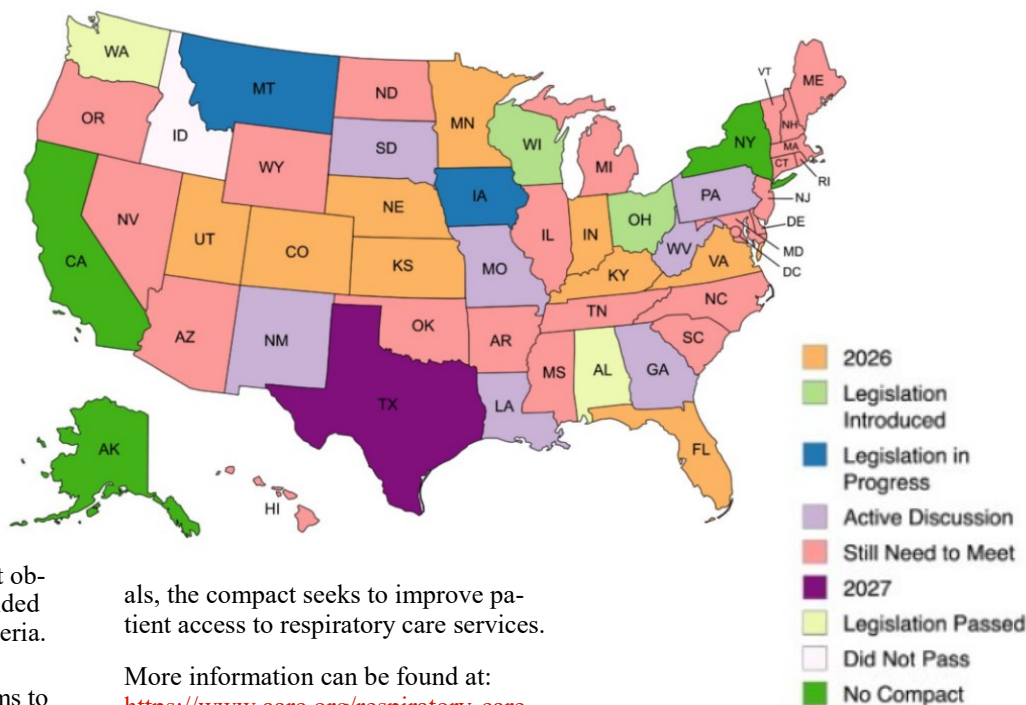
Alabama Becomes Second State to Pass RCIC Legislation

In a significant move to enhance healthcare workforce mobility, Alabama has become the second state to enact legislation adopting the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact (RCIC).

Governor Kay Ivey signed Senate Bill 181 into law earlier this month, positioning Alabama at the forefront of efforts to streamline licensure for respiratory therapists across state lines.

The RCIC allows licensed respiratory therapists in member states to practice in other participating states without obtaining additional licenses, provided they meet specific eligibility criteria.

This legislative advancement aims to address the growing demand for respiratory therapists, particularly in underserved and rural areas. By facilitating easier mobility for qualified profession-



als, the compact seeks to improve patient access to respiratory care services.

More information can be found at:
<https://www.aarc.org/respiratory-care-interstate-compact/> and
<https://respiratorycarecompact.org/>



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