

**Northland Community and Technical College  
Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee**



**Agenda**

Date: 11/5/2025 - 7pm-8:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/93768853257>

Advisory Committee Members:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Koland – PD                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jana Becker – Altru                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristin Knudsen – DCE                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelly Bakke – Altru                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lynn Gothberg – Faculty                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Larson – Essentia Fargo      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kati Jo Daniels – Faculty                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Jorud – Essentia Fargo        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Chadbourn – Faculty                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Shari Mlodozyniec – Essentia Duluth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mackenzie McMaines – Faculty                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Aune – Riverview             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrissa Slominski – Faculty                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Amie Maddox – Sanford Bemidji       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Hiltz - Faculty                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ron Frisk – Sanford Fargo           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Earl – Chair                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> John Fields – Interim Dean          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> -- Community Member                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wade McDowell – Trinity Minot       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justin Walker -- 2 <sup>nd</sup> year student           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mohamad Bitar – Medical Director    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Katie Wiggins --2 <sup>nd</sup> year student            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Stewart – UMC                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neil Janson – 1 <sup>st</sup> year student              | <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Faucher - CentraCare        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guadalupe Rodriquez-Soto-- 1 <sup>st</sup> year student |  |

**2. New Business**

- a. Northland Update
  1. New president – Dr. Shari Olson
    1. Willing to help out
  2. No Dean of Health Currently – still looking
  - 3.
- b. Accreditation Annual Report
- c. Board Exam Results
  1. 2023 – 4 high cut 1<sup>st</sup> time
    1. CSE 3 taken and passed
  2. 2024 – high cut 1<sup>st</sup> time – 3
    1. 2 repeat high cut
  3. 2025 – High cut 1<sup>st</sup> time – 3;
    1. 1 repeat pass high cut
    2. Low cut 1<sup>st</sup> time – 1
      - a. 5 yet to pass
      - b. 2 haven't taken it
  4. Differentiate differences in classroom vs what happens in the hospital setting
    1. Therapist Driven Protocols – more success

2. Send to different facilities—Home care, PFT, Pulm Rehab, Sleep lab
  - a. Different hospital facilities – critical access, metro
    - i. See a variety of treatment bases
3. 80 applicants for 36 spots
- 4.
- d. New Equipment
  1. PFT Machine – Complete including DLCO
  2. Crossvent 2i – pair with jet
  3. Hamilton C6
  4. Altru Aveas
  5. Giraffe incubator
  6. Panda warmer
  7. Pixis/Omicell
  8. Life Pack Defib
  9. ER Cart
- e. Equipment goals
  1. Vents- PB, Hamilton G5, Servo-U
  2. Manikins – Junior and Baby
  3. Nurse call system
  4. 2 ICU Beds
- f. Program Sustainability - No changes will resubmit assessment in the spring
  1. No Watch list for Closure!
  2. Expenditure is in line with the rest of the state
  3. Off site labs—Middle North Dakota
  4. Sponsorship students from various facilities
- g. Program Updates
  1. St. Cloud CentraCare Cohort – 22 students
  2. Spring Cohort – EVER 12 students! January Start
  3. New Medical Director—Dr. Bitar
  4. Preceptor evaluations/Platinum Planner
  5. Lab Improvements
  6. Castlebranch – issues getting uploads changing process to be done in Lab
- h. Misc. items/discussion

### **3. Next meeting date**

### **4. Adjourn**