

Registration and Competency Testing

Register for the Surge Capacity Plan Ventilator Training by going online at:

westerntc.edu/mcvtraining

- ▶ Complete the online registration form
- ▶ You will be emailed the link to the training program. *Click* on and view the presentations for the 3 ventilators included in the training and the presentations on the Wisconsin Surge Capacity Plan and Ethical Ventilator Triage
- ▶ *Click* on and complete the quizzes for each presentation

More Information or Questions

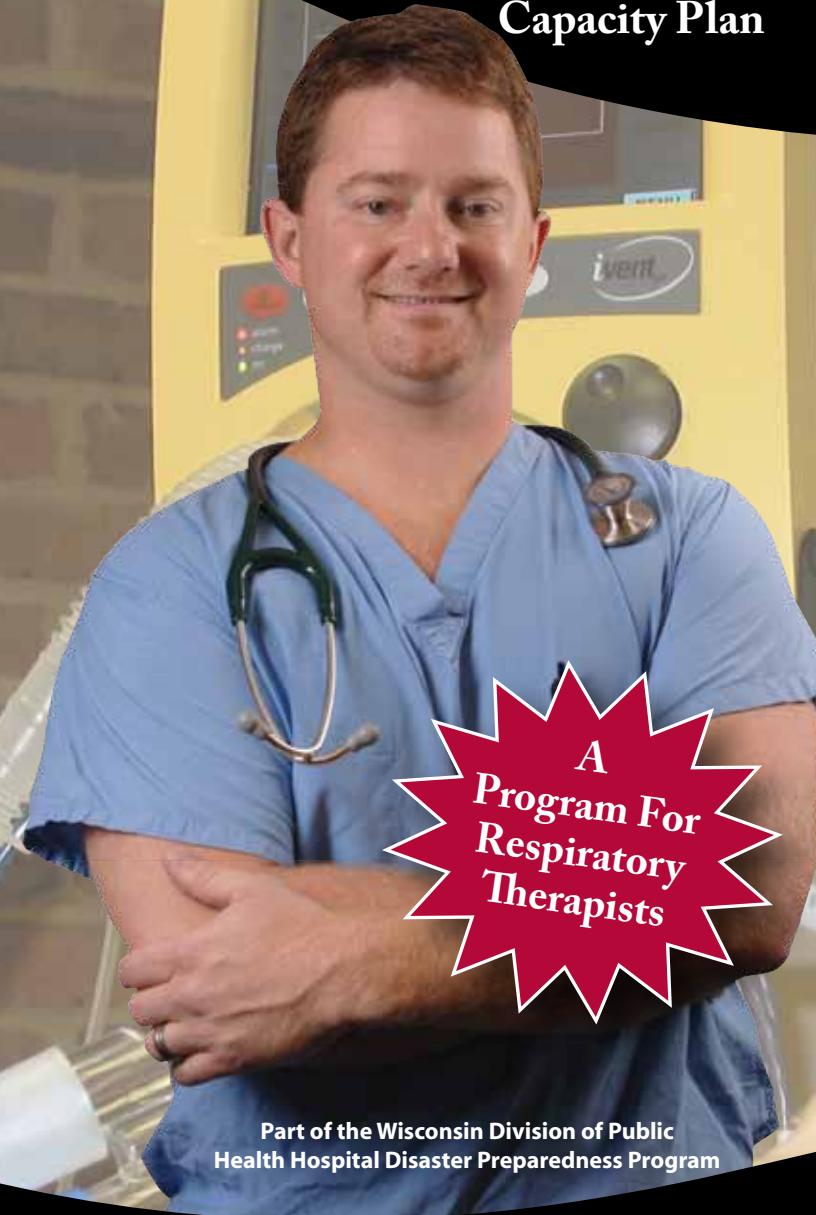
If you would like more information about the ventilator training being offered by Western Technical College please contact:

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Ventilator Training

for Wisconsin's Surge Capacity Plan



Part of the Wisconsin Division of Public Health Hospital Disaster Preparedness Program

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Wisconsin's Surge Capacity Plan

Wisconsin's Surge Capacity Plan has been put in place so that the state can effectively manage surge incidents. Surge incidents are incidents caused by an internal or external hazard, that require medical services which exceed the resources of Intensive Care Units (ICU) and their equipment, especially ventilators. The plan provides for the care of critically ill patients, especially those on ventilators. The Surge Capacity Plan also addresses catastrophic incidents that may cause ICUs and their equipment to be closed down or inoperable, Creating the need for a back-up plan for the care of critically ill patients on ventilators.

Hospitals maintain a sufficient number of ventilators, supplies and support equipment for current demand. However, in the case of a surge capacity incident, hospitals could find themselves unprepared for the increased demand for ventilators. The Surge Capacity Plan includes the purchase of as many as 100 ventilators per year for the next three years, 2007, 2008, and 2009, pre-positioning of these ventilators throughout the state, providing training to respiratory therapists in the use of all three ventilators, and educating therapists in the plan and principles of ethical ventilator triage. The ventilators selected by the state expert panel are:

- ▶ **Uni-Vent Eagle** (*Impact Instrumentation, Inc.*)*
- ▶ **LTV 1200** (*Pulmonetic Systems*)**
- ▶ **I Vent** (*Versa Med*)**

*Included in the Strategic National Stockpile
**Wisconsin Surge Capacity Plan Ventilators



Training and Preparation of Medical Personnel

Wisconsin's Technical Colleges offering the respiratory therapist program will receive a donation of the three Surge Capacity Plan and SNS ventilators. The placement of the ventilators at the colleges' facilitates the training of new and current therapists, and insures consistency in curriculum development and outcome measurement.

All respiratory therapists employed in Wisconsin hospitals and clinics are encouraged to receive training and certification on the use and operation of all three ventilators.

All respiratory therapists employed in Wisconsin hospitals that participate in the Wisconsin Surge Capacity Plan and regularly manage ventilators are required to complete this training program.

Western Technical College in La Crosse, Wisconsin will be providing the ventilator training specific to current respiratory therapists in Wisconsin. This training will be offered through online learning and testing. Hospitals and clinics will be responsible for ensuring that all respiratory therapists maintain competency.



Training Costs

The cost of this training is free to Wisconsin respiratory therapists and hospitals. The Division of Public Health for the state of Wisconsin is funding the training. Western Technical College will approve all applicants for training following the guidelines established by the Division of Public Health. Western will also maintain the records for all therapists who have completed the training.

Respiratory Therapists from outside Wisconsin are welcome to take the training but must pay the class fee. For more information, non-Wisconsin Respiratory Therapists should contact Western Technical College's Business and Industry Services at **(608) 785-9232** or bis@westerntc.edu.

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