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<p>[Jennifer] Hi, I'm Jennifer Anderson. I am a clinical instructor with the respiratory therapy program. I have been a respiratory therapist for 16 years, ten of which I worked in the hospital here at L S U. The last six I have been a clinical instructor for the program. I think, like most respiratory therapists, I kind of stumbled upon the profession. It was not anything I had ever heard of before.</p>	<p>Woman with reddish, shoulder length wavy hair wearing a black v-neck sweater in lobby of School of Health Professions and Sciences</p> <p>Text: Jennifer Anderson, M P H, R R T Clinical Assistant Professor, Cardiopulmonary Science</p>
<p>I was working here at the hospital as a clerk on a ward floor, and this lady came to the nurse's station one day. I had never seen her before. At the time, people were wearing beepers, and I was intrigued at the fact that she had a beeper and that she was taking orders from a physician and writing them down. So when she was done, I asked her who she was, what she did. She told me she was a respiratory therapist. I'd never heard of it. So I did a little investigation and looked into it, started school, and I guess the rest is history. I love respiratory therapy. I have enjoyed it as a profession. My favorite thing about being a respiratory therapist is that we have-</p>	<p>Jennifer on camera</p>

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<p>[Jennifer] We get a great education for one, but we are taught to work with patients of all populations. So, you know, it may be one day you're working with a premature neonatal infant, the next day you may be working with a geriatric patient. You may be working in a level one trauma center or working on the floor. So we're really trained in all of these different areas, and I have enjoyed that.</p> <p>That was my time as a respiratory therapist. As an instructor. I have found that I- what I like the most is that teaching is teaching me to be patient. When I worked in the hospital, it was an instant gratification that you got. A patient would come in, they weren't able to breathe. You would provide them therapy and then almost instantly you would have, you know, a good outcome.</p> <p>You would see something positive from it. With teaching, it's not that way. It takes years to see your students develop as a respiratory therapist. And so I've not quite been used to the the long term wait, but I do enjoy it very much to to see these young people grow into a therapist that I would want to take care of myself and my family.</p>	<p>Jennifer on camera</p>
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