Jason Hum is an alumnus of University of California, Santa Barbara, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in biochemistry. He returned to his home in Rosemead and his aunt, a respiratory therapist, inspired him to pursue the same career. He found that the program is offered at ELAC, enrolled and immediately felt at home. Because he had completed all his science prerequisites, he entered the program immediately. Jason, like all respiratory therapy students, has a personal advisor who helps with his academic plan and provides extra help when needed. Next year Jason will begin his clinical internships, working with a doctor or licensed therapist working with patients.

“I hope to intern at a large teaching hospital like LA County or UCLA Medical School so I can benefit from a demanding and professional teaching team,” Jason comments. “I realize now that there are many career possibilities once I am a certified respiratory therapist. I can work in a clinical setting or care for patients with asthma and cardiac problems in their homes. Plus, therapists can focus on a specialty like prenatal and high risk pregnancy problems. There are even options to start a business selling or repairing equipment. It’s a growing field.”
NOTE: POLICY FOR REPEATING ACTIVITY COURSES

Certain courses in the class schedule may be repeated for additional unit credit. These courses, marked “RPT” in the class section of the schedule, allow the student an expanded educational experience each time the student enrolls in the course. Enrollment in these courses is limited in any activity to a maximum of three repeats for a total of four enrollments, regardless of the repeatability of individual courses. For example, a student may enroll four times in courses which are considered to be the same activity, such as twice in Theater 279 – Musical Theater (RPT 3), and twice in Theater 280 – Musical Theater Workshop (RPT 3). Any combination may be used as long as four enrollments in one activity is not exceeded. Excess enrollment will result in administrative drop.

Consult a counselor for the latest restricted activity enrollment list.

Note: Whenever the student’s record is reviewed for the purpose of determining unit credits, all of the student’s record is reviewed, not just the course work since the beginning of Fall 1983.