

CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision of a higher level professional position, an incumbent of this position is responsible for performing respiratory therapy treatment of patients. Work is performed strictly in accordance with hospital regulations and procedures and therapy is applied only with the concurrence of a qualified physician. In addition, incumbent assists with training of students and hospital staff. Supervision may be exercised over a number of subordinate technicians. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Administers respiratory therapy to patients as prescribed by physicians;

Performs preliminary function tests and blood gas analyses;

Supervises operation, maintenance, sterilization, and storing of respiratory therapy equipment;

Consults with the professional staff on the technical use of equipment;

Assists in teaching students and hospital staff respiratory therapy techniques, methods, procedures and use of equipment;

Makes a periodic check of equipment in use to ensure its proper operation;

Maintains awareness of the literature in this field and attends conferences and lectures;

Records information relating to the types and number of procedures performed on various patients

Uses computer applications or other automated systems, such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, email and database software in performing work assignments;

Accesses protected health information (PHI) in accordance with departmental assignments and guidelines defining levels of access (i.e., incidental vs. extensive);

May perform other incidental tasks, as needed.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the physiology of respiration and circulation, both normal and abnormal; good knowledge of the proper functioning and maintenance of respiratory therapy equipment; good knowledge of respiratory diseases; ability to teach students; ability to observe and enforce all necessary safety precautions; ability to plan and direct the work of subordinates; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; thoroughness; dependability; accuracy; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of a valid license and current registration, issued by the New York State Education Department, as a Respiratory Therapy Technician, and one year experience as a Respiratory Therapy Technician.

NOTE: Employees are required to maintain valid licensure and current registration as required by the minimum qualifications throughout employment in this title.

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