

REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of the Chief Respiratory Therapist, incumbents of this class are responsible for the operation and supervision of Respiratory Therapy in assigned areas of the WCMC. In addition, the incumbent of this position assists in providing instruction in respiratory techniques to hospital staff and students. Supervision is exercised over a number of respiratory therapists, technicians and students. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Supervises, instructs and participates in the use of all respiratory equipment;

Reviews therapy and treatment being given to patients to ensure that the physician's instructions are being carried out;

Insures the maintenance of a complete record-keeping system recording the utilization and upkeep of equipment and other data, as required;

Consults with physicians, nurses and other hospital staff on respiratory cases requiring therapy;

Maintains an adequate supply of oxygen and other gases;

Participates in the instruction of students, nurses, and other hospital staff in therapeutic techniques;

Enforces safety rules and procedures;

Participates in the training of new therapists on procedures at WCMC;

Keeps abreast of current developments in the field through publications, conferences, training seminars, etc.

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 practices, principles and techniques of respiratory therapy; skill in the operation and maintenance of respiratory therapy equipment; ability to follow medical instructions; ability to plan, assign and supervise the work of subordinates; ability to instruct the techniques used in operating respiratory equipment; sound professional judgment; reliability; initiative; resourcefulness; 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 Therapist.

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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