

RESPIRATORY THERAPY TECHNICIAN TRAINEE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the supervision of the Director of Respiratory Therapy and a higher level Respiratory Therapist, incumbents of this class are given assignments in Respiratory Therapy treatment at incremental levels of difficulty and complexity as they gain proficiency in the various procedures. This is an entry level position which enables college students currently enrolled in an approved Respiratory Therapy program to perform treatments, be evaluated for proficiency levels, develop areas in which proficiencies are lacking or weak, and continue to gain experience until such time as they graduate and are eligible for promotion to Respiratory Therapy Technician. Supervision is not a responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Participates in an on-the-job training practicum while enrolled in post high school program in Respiratory Therapy approved by the American Medical Association which includes the following duties:

Performs aerosol treatments;

Performs IPPB treatments;

Maintains and repairs blood gas analyzers;

Performs quality controls on blood gas analyzers;

Obtains and analyzes blood gas samples, (line puncture) if judged competent by high level technician;

Set-ups, maintains and troubleshoots ventilators;

Performs proper suctioning techniques if judged competent by a higher level technician;

Performs manual resuscitation at code 99 as assigned by a higher level technician;

Conducts basic record keeping, filing, statistics, cardex systems;

Maintains proper hygiene including hand washing and isolation techniques;

Makes periodic checks of equipment while in use to assure proper functioning;

Removes equipment as ordered by a qualified physician and sterilizes necessary parts;

Maintains all equipment in working order and makes routine repairs as needed;

Keeps records of equipment pertaining to location, units in operation and amounts and types of therapy applied;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Con't)

Keeps abreast of current developments in the field through publications, lectures and conferences.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Ability to learn the proper functioning and maintenance of oxygen cylinders, tents, resuscitators, humidifiers; familiarity with equipment used in the field of respiratory therapy, in general; skill in the operation and routine maintenance of such equipment in a hospital setting; ability to observe and enforce all necessary safety precautions and to maintain accurate records of usage and location of equipment; ability to demonstrate usage of such equipment; sympathetic attitude toward patient; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Satisfactory completion of one year of college or post high school program approved by the American Medical Association with specialization in Respiratory Therapy.