

STUDENT RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

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 procedures. This position enables college students currently enrolled in an approved Respiratory Therapy program to receive clinical training in respiratory therapy treatment, and gain practical experience as part of their curriculum. 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 a post high school program in Respiratory Therapy approved by the American Medical Association which includes the following duties:

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;

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: Current enrollment in a college or post high school program approved by the American Medical Association with specialization in Respiratory Therapy.