

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST I

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS

This is entry professional respiratory therapy work. Employees in this class perform routine professional duties independently on an ongoing basis and participate in the full range of moderately complex professional duties under close supervision.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK *(These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)*

Administers a variety of treatment regimens to patients with cardio-respiratory problems according to physicians' orders.

Sets up and operates various types of oxygen and other therapeutic aerosol equipment.

Explains to patients and the public the significance and progress of the treatment; instructs patients and their families on how to use equipment at home, prevention of illness and promotion of good health.

Participates in developing and implementing plans for patient care.

Participates in meetings and conferences relative to diagnosis, behavior and treatment of patient.

Checks and records patients' progress; keeps records and prepares reports.

Cleans, inspects and tests respiratory therapy equipment to ensure proper operation condition; maintains and makes minor repairs to equipment.

Exercises adequate and safety precautions in the use of therapy equipment.

Transports oxygen gases to the hospital units, both acute and chronic.

May lead and instruct subordinate technicians and ancillary personnel.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles and practices of respiratory therapy.

Knowledge of respiratory therapy agents and their effects on the human body.
Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

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Ability to initiate, monitor and maintain continuous ventilation, humidity and aerosol treatments and varied kinds of oxygen related therapy and to analyze oxygen concentration.

Ability to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation according to established policies.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS (Continued)

- Ability to set up and operate respiratory therapy equipment.
- Ability to make decisions in accordance with program guidelines.
- Ability to work effectively with employees and the public.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.
- Skill in the use and care of respiratory therapy equipment.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Graduation from an American Medical Association (AMA) approved Respiratory Therapy Technician Program.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Certification as a Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician (CRTT) by the National Board of Respiratory Care (NBRC).
- B. Possession of a current license as a Registered Respiratory Therapist with the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

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PAY GRADE: K

HAY EVALUATION:	KNOW HOW:	DI2	152
	PROBLEM SOLVING:	D3 (33%)	50
	ACCOUNTABILITY:	D1C	<u>57</u>
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