

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS

Physical Stamina and Dexterity	Frequency
Lift up to 50 lbs to assist moving of patients, supplies and equipment	Frequently
Stoop to adjust equipment and perform procedures	Frequently
Kneel to manipulate equipment and perform procedures	Occasionally
Extend parts of the body in all directions in order to reach objects at a distance	Constantly
Possess motor skill and manual dexterity to move and manipulate small and large equipment	Constantly
Push/Pull large wheeled equipment	Constantly
Walk for extended periods of time	Constantly
Walk quickly to respond to emergency calls or assist in transport of patients	Occasionally
Walk up and down stairs	Occasionally
Stand for prolonged periods of time to perform duties	Constantly
Sensory Function	
Hearing ability to interpret simple sounds such as beeps and complex sounds such as speech	Constantly
Visual ability to perform tasks that are dependent on vision	Constantly
Speaking ability to communicate to others in English	Constantly
Touch ability to organize, identify and interpret sensory information	Constantly
Intellectual function	
Prioritize multiple tasks	Constantly
Perform procedures	Constantly
Analyze data to suggest and implement interventions	Constantly
Manage time for both educational and clinical responsibilities	Constantly
Read typed, handwritten, computer information in English	Constantly
Write to communicate pertinent information in English	Constantly
Mental Attitude	
Function safely, effectively and calmly under stressful situations.	Constantly
Maintain composure and concentration while managing multiple tasks simultaneously	Constantly
Practice social behaviors that are appropriate to interpersonal situations	Constantly
Communicate and cooperate effectively across cultural barriers	Occasionally
Practice personal hygiene consistent with close contact during direct patient care	Constantly
Display actions, attitudes consistent with ethical standards of the profession	Constantly
Collaborate with a group of persons acting together as a team	Constantly