

PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR RESPIRATORY CARE

ISSUE	Hearing	Mobility	Motor Skills (Fine & Gross)	Tactile	Visual
STANDARD	Ability sufficient to hear and understand patients and staff; assess and monitor patient sounds.	Mobility and strength sufficient to support and move patients.	Perform multiple motor tasks simultaneously. Fine and gross motor skills sufficient to handle equipment and provide safe and effective patient care; steady arm and hand movements while manipulating objects or assisting patients.	Tactile ability sufficient to assess patient's response to therapy.	Ability sufficient to monitor and assess patient and equipment function; to provide safe and effective respiratory care.
EXAMPLES	<p>Communicate and interact with patients and families from a variety of backgrounds.</p> <p>Follow verbal instructions.</p> <p>Hear heart and breath sounds.</p> <p>Detect and discriminate between sounds of normal conversation.</p>	<p>Support and transfer patients, move in and out of treatment areas.</p> <p>Reach equipment or parts of patient's body.</p>	<p>Operate and manipulate equipment, blood collection devices, several items at once.</p> <p>Administer aerosols, suction patient, adjust pressure gauges.</p> <p>Lift and transport oxygen cylinders, move in and out of treatment areas.</p> <p>Push/pull hospital bed.</p>	<p>Distinguish textures, degrees of firmness, temperature differences, pulse rate.</p>	<p>Read written instructions/ orders.</p> <p>Read fine print, monitors, gauges.</p> <p>Differentiate color/ character of sputum signs/nature of infected disease</p> <p>Chart procedures and observations in a permanent medical record.</p>