Registered or Certified Respiratory Therapist (RRT/CRTT)
Job Summary

The REGISTERED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST (RRT) is a qualified professional who directs, supervises, evaluates, and provides respiratory therapy services to patients as prescribed by the attending physician. He/she must possess excellent communication skills. The RRT will employ age-appropriate assessment skills.

The CERTIFIED RESPIRATORY THERAPIST (CRTT) is a qualified technician who directs, supervises, evaluates, and provides respiratory therapy services to patients as prescribed by the attending physician. He/she must possess excellent communication skills. The CRTT will employ age-appropriate assessment skills. All care provided is within the scope of practice of a CRTT and job description of the facility.

Education: Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree and licensed in the state of practice if the state has registration practices (RRT). CRTT has learned on the job. Some states provide for grandfathering for certification requirements.

Licensure: Registered by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy (NBRT) as a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT). Some states require annual certification or licensure.

Experience: One-year clinical experience is required.

Skills: Requires excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Possess flexibility and the ability to fit in as a team member. Able to work independently.

Credentials: Current CPR (or specialty as ACLS, PALS, etc.)
Current TB screening
Statement of good health
Other screening as required by specific facilities

Transportation: Reliable transportation and valid insurance coverage.

Environmental/ working conditions: Works in various client settings; possible exposure to blood, bodily fluids, and infectious disease. The ability to work flexible schedules to meet client's needs.

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Physical/ mental effort: Requires prolonged standing, walking and the ability to lift an adult patient. Requires working under some stressful conditions to meet deadlines and patient's needs. Ability to make quick decisions to meet each patient's individualized psychosocial needs.

Additional Qualifications:

1. Provides nursing care while maintaining a safe and therapeutic environment.
2. Documents patients care accurately and completely.
3. Provide quality care that recognizes every patient as an individual, but which also acknowledges that everyone grows and develops in stages that are related to their age.
4. Confirms to client facility and nursing policies/procedures.
5. Initiates, administers, and monitors all respiratory care procedures.
6. Complies with the Registry Network policies/procedures.
7. Maintains confidentiality relative to patient care and facilities practices.
8. Communicates information effectively to appropriate personnel to facilitate continuity of care of report changes in patient's conditions.
9. Accepts accountability for own practices.
10. Maintains competency by participating in continuing education programs and meets state specific requirements.
11. Complies with accepted ethical conduct and professional Standards of Nursing Practice as set forth by the American Association of Respiratory Care.
12. Speaks, writes, reads, and comprehends the English language.
13. Reacts to change productively and performs other job-related tasks and duties assigned.

Employee Printed Name: _____

Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____

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