

**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST PROGRAM  
PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT  
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS CERTIFICATION**

**For your information only. No physical examination is required during application process.**

Please review the following in regards to the physical abilities required to successfully perform the "essential functions" of a respiratory therapist professional.

These essential functions include the following:

Possess the visual acuity necessary to read and write, perform bedside patient assessment, detect changes in the environment, and visually inspect the informational displays of various life support equipment and patient monitoring equipment typically employed in the care of respiratory patients in varying levels of light. This would include digital, aneroid, graphic, color graphic, and alarm displays.

Possess the psychomotor skills and manual dexterity necessary to:

- write legibly.
- adjust typical control functions of various life support equipment and patient monitoring equipment.
- perform physical assessment of patients.
- respond quickly and appropriately to patient emergencies.
- perform standard (AHA) CPR techniques.
- assist with lifting, transferring, and moving patient.
- perform standard respiratory care procedures.
- perform activities involved in sterile and isolation procedures.
- perform various tasks associated with normal daily activities in a health care setting,
- moving between various patient care areas, charting, gathering equipment, etc.

Possess ability to hear high and low frequency sounds, such as telephones, monitor alarms, emergency signals, weak cries of infants and weak calls for help. Possess ability to communicate effectively with patients and medical staff.