

STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

RESP 2102	Concepts in Respiratory Care
PREREQUISITE:	Admission into the Respiratory Therapy (RT) Program.
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	This course is designed to supply the student with basic concepts, and safety and legal issues related to respiratory therapy.
CREDIT HOURS:	2 credit hours / may transfer to other respiratory therapy programs.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Students admitted to the RT Program.
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:	<u>Egan's Fundamentals of Respiratory Care</u> Wilkins, 8 th Edition, 2003, Mosby

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will

1. Define the terms health, health services, and health care system.
2. Identify the primary factors that provide health services, and the role of respiratory care in those organizations.
3. Define the scope of services provided by a comprehensive respiratory care department in an acute care hospital.
4. Describe the importance of written policies and procedures in the operation of a respiratory care service including respiratory care protocols. (NBRC III-F6b,7b)
5. Define the importance of record keeping for both patient care documentation and accounting activities. (NBRC III-A1a,2)
6. Describe the basic safety and infection control considerations involved in patient care, including patient movement and ambulation, and electrical and fire safety. (NBRC-III-D8)
7. Identify the basic components of communication and the factors that affect communication effectiveness.
8. Describe the basic goal of the respiratory care code of ethics.
9. Describe the nature of unlawful and unethical practice as it relates to the diversification of respiratory care into home care and durable medical equipment.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

This course includes (but is not limited to) the following topics:

- Module 1: History of Respiratory Therapy
- Module 2: Professional Organizations
- Module 3: Health Care Trends and Evolving Roles
- Module 4: Critical Thinking and Problem-Based Learning
- Module 5: Ethics of Health Care Delivery
- Module 6: Communication Skills
- Module 7: Decision Making and the Role of the Consultant
- Module 8: Patient Education
- Module 9: Documentation and Information Management
- Module 10: Assessing Outcomes
- Module 11: Health Care Reimbursements
- Module 12: Evaluation and Accessing Medical Information
- Module 13: Safety and Electricity
- Module 14: Aging