

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** RTH 131      **Credits:** 4

**Course Title:** Respiratory Care Theory and Procedures I

**Course Description:**

Presents theory of equipment and procedures and related concepts used for patients requiring general acute and critical cardiopulmonary care. Part I of II. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all curriculum courses offered during the first semester of the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy. Lecture 3 hours. Laboratory 3 hours. Total 6 hours per week. 4 credits

**General Course Purpose:**

This course teaches students equipment theory, use, and application in preparation for providing respiratory care services to patients during clinical rotations.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of all curriculum courses offered during the first semester of the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- Discuss the planning, implementation, and evaluation of Hyperinflation Therapy;
- Demonstrate the ability to initiate, monitor, modify, and discontinue the use of any Hyperinflation Therapy;
- Discuss the anatomy of how airway clearance mechanisms work and what disease/disorders impair their function;
- Assess the need for Bronchial Hygiene Therapy;
- Initiate, monitor, modify, and discontinue the use of airway clearance mechanisms;
- Assess the need for artificial airways and the proper selection;
- Demonstrate the ability to insert, monitor, and maintain an artificial airway;
- Demonstrate the ability to properly discontinue an artificial airway;
- Assess the need for suctioning, demonstrate the proper technique, and identify and respond to complications;
- Discuss the concept of respiratory failure;
- Assess the need for mechanical ventilation; and
- Introduce the modes of mechanical ventilation.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- Airway Care
- Fluidics
- Technical Aspects of Mechanical Ventilators
- Continuous Mechanical Ventilation
- Positive End-Expiratory Pressure
- High-Frequency Ventilation

- Ventilatory Support of the Neonatal and Pediatric Patient

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