

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF ALLIED HEALTH STUDENTS

MOTOR CAPABILITY:

- Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
- Transfer patients who may require physical assistance.
- Guard and assist patients with ambulation.
- Perform exercise techniques, including applying resistance during exercise.
- Lift and carry up to 50 pounds, and exert up to 100 pounds force for push/pull
- Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, kneel, use standing balance, and climb stairs.
- Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity.
- Adjust, apply, and clean therapeutic equipment.
- Perform CPR.
- Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.
- Sit 1-2 hours, stand 6-7 hours, travel 1-3 hours.

SENSORY CAPABILITY:

- Coordinate verbal and manual instruction.
- Assess a patient 10 feet away to observe patients posture and response to treatment.
- Respond to a timer, alarm, or cries for help.
- Monitor vital signs.
- Auditory, visual and tactile abilities sufficient to assess patient status and perform treatments. (Ex: color or sound changes)

COMMUNICATION ABILITY:

- Communicate effectively in English with patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and written. (Example: explain treatment procedures, teach patients and families, document in charts)
- Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.
- Interact and establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
- Assume the role of a health care team member.
- Function effectively under supervision.

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY:

- Function effectively under stress.
- Respond appropriately to emergencies.
- Adhere to infection control procedures.
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care. (Measure, calculate, reason, prioritize and synthesize data.)
- Use sound judgment and safety precautions.
- Address problems or questions to the appropriate person at the appropriate time.
- Organize and prioritize job tasks.
- Follow policies and procedures required by clinical and academic settings.