



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

RES 253

Advanced Clinical Studies I

Effective Term

Fall/2018

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PART I: COURSE INFORMATION

Effective Term: Fall 2018 (201810)

COURSE PREFIX: RES 253

COURSE TITLE: Advanced Clinical Studies I

CONTACT HOURS: 18

CREDIT HOURS: 6

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

RES 253 is a clinical course that further expands your clinical experience by integrating clinical and classroom theory. In RES 253, you will demonstrate the ability to apply current and previously acquired clinical skills to patients in current clinical rotations in a professional matter. You will perform basic respiratory care procedures in a safe and effective manner, as well as, demonstrate communication skills to deliver an appropriate respiratory care plan. Furthermore, continue to develop skills from previous clinical application courses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course includes clinical instructions in advanced patientcare practice. This healthcare setting course will allow the student, working alongside a licensed health care professional, to become proficient with the skills covered to this point in the Respiratory Care Program.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

RES 152 and RES 154 and RES 249. Required prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Heuer, A. & Scanlan, C.L. (2014). Wilkins' Clinical Assessment in Respiratory Care. Elsevier.
ISBN# 9780323100293

Cairo, J. M. (2016). Pilbeam's Mechanical Ventilation (6th ed). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier/Mosby. ISBN:
9780323321013

Optional Textbooks

Dana Oakes, Pocket Guide to Respiratory Care 9th edition

Dana Oakes, ABG Pocket Guide 2nd edition

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Scrubs and Stethoscope

Optional: hemostats, scissors, and pocket pulse oximeter

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials

WaveNet and D2L email access

DataArc account for clinical time clock, procedure checklist, and clinical assessment evaluations.

Prior to graduation, each student must take and pass a series of comprehensive secure NBRC respiratory care exam. The fees for the exams will be included in tuition costs.

- You must score 75% or greater on each of these exams.
- THIS FEE INCLUDES THE COST OF THE DATAARC SYSTEM.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate. When on experiential rotations, students are expected to abide by the policies of that institution.

Guiding Principal for Clinical Policies: The clinical policies for the Respiratory Care Program are established to promote professionalism, ethical behavior and to promote patient safety with minimum disruption to the clinical facility. Course and program rules and regulations, as well as college ones, change as the need arises. Students are expected to follow current policies as directed.

Criminal Background:

Students may be required to submit to criminal background checks or drug screening before entering a clinical site. If for ANY reason a student is not allowed to attend all clinical sites for training, the student will be unable to complete the clinical course and will be dropped from the program.

1. Attendance:

- a. It is the student's responsibility to be at their clinical assignment as scheduled. Clinical schedules will not be changed without approval of the Director of Clinical Education. All scheduled clinical time (whether in the hospital or outside of the hospital) is subject to all clinical policies.
- b. Clocking In & Out: It is the student's responsibility to accurately account for clinical time completed. Students are required to log in and out of Data Arc using ONLY approved Respiratory Department computers designated for Data Arc access.
- c. Students unable to report to clinic on any given day for any reason they must notify the Director of Clinical Education and the assigned hospital at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the shift. It is the student's responsibility to notify the hospital and Director of Clinical Education.

Grand Strand (843.692.1506) (843.692.1510)
Loris (843.716.8604) (843.716.8604)
Waccamaw (843.777.1156) (843.652.1025) (843.652.1846)
Conway (843.347.1565)
Seacoast (843.366.3604) (843.366.3605)
Georgetown (843.527.7400) (843.527.8064)
Apria (843.357.3520)

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2. Procedure for Excused Clinical Time

- a. If you are unable to attend or will be tardy for your clinical assignment, call 843-839-1064 and leave your name and reason for absence or tardy on the voice mail. The time you called is recorded by the machine. Immediately after you have left your message, notify the hospital and department of your circumstances. Both the Director of Clinical Education and the hospital must be notified 30 minutes prior to your scheduled shift.
- b. If you need to leave clinic for ANY reason, you must attempt to contact the Director of Clinical Education or Program Director. If you are unable to contact them, then have the shift supervisor (Not your clinical Instructor) call 843-839-1064 to leave a message on the voice mail that you have been given permission to leave clinic and the reason. Students are expected to be in clinic for the FULL time.
- c. Failure to notify the Director of Clinical Education and hospital as stated above will result in an unexcused tardy/absence and will lower the student's final clinical grade by 10 points on the first incident. The second incident will result in an "F" grade for the clinical course. (Rationale: All students are expected to communicate with the individual that is responsible for the clinical schedule and with the hospital supervisor. All students are expected to complete the FULL TIME for each rotation unless excused by the Director of Clinical Education or Program Director)

3. Allowable Missed Clinical Time

- a. Students are allowed to miss a maximum of 10% of the total clinical time that is scheduled for the semester. (Example: Clinic meets for 2 days per week for the semester; allowable time a student may miss a total of 2 days for the semester) The procedure for being excused must be followed. (Page 1, 2C)
- b. Students are allowed to miss a maximum of 10% of the total clinical time that is scheduled for the semester. (Example: Clinic meets for 2 days per week for the semester; allowable time a student may miss a total of 2 days for the semester) The procedure for being excused must be followed see Respiratory Clinical Policies Page 1, 2C.
- c. Any absence beyond the allowed time for the semester will result in an "F" grade. Under extenuating circumstances, the DCE may allow the student to miss up to a total of 20% of

- the total hours. The student is responsible for documenting in writing to the DCE's satisfaction, the extenuating circumstances. The DCE is under NO obligation to accept the student's documentation or extend the student the additional 10% in allotted absences. The student should also understand that arriving to class late or leaving class early counts towards the allotted hours of time missed. Once the student exceeds the hours of absences, the student will be terminated from the course. Students withdrawn from a course due to excessive absences will receive a grade of Withdraw ("W") up to the 2/3 point of the semester. Thereafter, a Withdraw ("W") or Withdrew Failing ("WF") will be assigned dependent upon his/her academic status at the time of last date attended.
- d. Clinical attendance records are maintained in the Data Arc system and begin on the first day of class for both new and returning students, regardless when he/she registers during the five-day registration and add/drop period at the beginning of each term.
 - e. The student's overall grade will be lowered by 5% for each excused incident beyond the 10% of clinical time students are allowed to miss. The Program Director will have the final decision over determining whether the situation has extenuating circumstances and warrants a grade adjustment.
 - f. Specialty Rotations: Students are responsible for attending at the assigned clinical time in specialty rotations. Failure to do so will result in a 26% reduction in the student's overall final grade.
4. Tardiness
- a. Students not clocked by the scheduled time as shown on the clinical schedule, are considered tardy.
 - i. If a student is later than 15 minutes, that constitutes 1 unexcused absence and the student will not be allowed to attend clinic for that day.
 - ii. Three (3) excused tardies are equal to 1 absence. An excused tardy will be deducted from the allowable time that can be missed. Each excused tardy beyond the allowable time that can be missed, will result in a 2.5% reduction in the student's overall final clinical grade.
 - b. Failure of the student to follow the procedure for "Excused clinical time" will result in an unexcused tardy.
 - i. Two (2) unexcused tardies will be considered an unexcused absence within a semester and will lower the final grade by 10 points. Any additional unexcused tardy during the semester will constitute an unexcused absence. See (Page 1; 2.C.III) (Example: 2 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence; 2 unexcused absences = "F" grade for the clinical course)
5. Consequences of Students being asked to leave Clinic
- a. Should a student be asked to leave ANY clinical rotation by their preceptor for ANY reason, the student will receive an unexcused absence and their final grade will be lowered by 10 points on the first event. The second unexcused absence will result in an "F" grade for the course.

6. Dress Code
 - a. All students must be properly attired in clinic as determined by the HGTC dress code (Hospital dress code supersedes HGTC policies):
 - b. All Students
 - i. Clean “pewter” scrubs, properly fitted (Not tight fitting) (Scrubs must be monogrammed with HGTC logo and program name. Drawstrings should be tucked in pants, optional- only white undershirts are permitted)
 - c. Black or White, comfortable all leather, low cut shoes, closed back
 - d. Properly groomed appearance
 - e. Appropriate Hospital ID badge.
 - f. A legible HGTC Student picture ID badge visible at all times. HGTC insignia must be visible at all times.
 - g. Jewelry (optional) one ring per hand, one thin/narrow necklace less than 19” long.
 - h. Current DataArc packet and clinical objectives/policies.
 - i. Consequences of Dress code violation and being unprepared for Clinic
 - j. Students must adhere to the dress code and have a stethoscope, watch (with second hand or digital read-out), safety glasses and clinical pocket guide while in clinic. These items are essential in order to function effectively and safely in the clinical environment. Students who violate the dress code and who do not have required equipment in clinic are unprepared and will be given one (1) warning. Any future infraction will result in the student being dismissed from the clinical rotation and will be given an unexcused absence with a lowering of the final grade by 10 points. A third infraction will constitute a second unexcused absence, resulting in an “F” grade for the clinical course.
7. Required number of procedures for Graduation
 - a. Students will be required to complete a minimum number of documented procedures prior to graduation from their Respiratory Care Program. The requirements are listed on DataArc in the Daily Log section.
 - b. Preparation and Objectives for Clinical Rotations
8. In order for the student to receive effective clinical training, the program will provide clinical objectives to guide the student in becoming more clinically competent.
 - a. All students are required to read and understand the stated clinical objectives prior to starting ANY clinical rotation. All students are required to complete one (1) Rotation Reporting Form for each specialty rotation within 4 days after completing the rotation. Students should work diligently in accomplishing these objectives and take the initiative for their learning seeking out opportunities to improve their knowledge and skill with the direction of their assigned clinical instructor.
 - b. Rest and Alcohol use: To promote patient safety, all students should have adequate rest prior to the clinical assignment. Students must also refrain from alcohol use at least 8 hours prior to the clinical assignment.

9. Professional Clinical Conduct
 - a. Students should conduct themselves in professional and safe manner while in the hospital. The student will remain with the assigned clinical instructor until the end of the shift or until reassigned by the hospital supervisor or program faculty. Should at any time the student be instructed to leave the clinical site by the hospital preceptor, the student is responsible to contact the program director immediately and coordinate a time to discuss the clinical incident with both the program & clinical director. Additionally, the student will not be allowed to return to clinic until the outcome of the faculty & student meeting is resolved.
 - b. If at any time the student perceives that there is an unsafe or threatening environment in which they are unable to resolve, the student should politely request to be excused and report the circumstances to hospital supervisor and the program faculty.
10. DataArc Clinical Record Keeping System [DataArc Website](#)
 - a. INTRODUCTION
 - i. DataArc is an Internet based clinical record keeping system. The reason for implementing a standard tracking and performance evaluation system is to provide you, the student, with a standard set of clinical objectives and performance evaluations. This helps to ensure that performance standards are high and consistent for all students.
 - ii. What are the Students responsible for? The Students will be responsible for:
 - iii. Using Only approved Respiratory Department computers designated for Data Arc Access for clocking in and out of their clinical rotations
 - iv. Submitting daily log forms and confirming that your clinical instructor has validated the form to
 - v. Complete a minimum of 4 Clinical Site Evaluations per semester in order to receive credit on clinic grade.
 - vi. Completing Preceptor Evaluations
 - vii. Surveys as requested by the program faculty
 - viii. Affective (Student) Evaluations
 - b. Once at the DataArc web site you will need to enter your "log on name" and "password" to gain entry into the system. This is done as a safety mechanism so your data remains confidential.
 - c. What will you gain by using the Web Based Clinical Tracking Program? An up to date look at your clinical progress as you progress through each semester in the following areas:
 - d. Time Clock - Time clock records track the student's attendance and hours of clinical practice. Students should review their time reports on a frequent basis and report any errors to the program faculty.
 - e. Daily Log - tracks the student's number of observations and performances done on a daily basis in the clinical setting. At the end of your clinical training this can be printed and placed in your portfolio for future employers to see the number and variety of clinical procedures you have observed and performed.

- f. Competency Evaluations - provides a complete listing of completed competencies. Each competency is referenced and follows Clinical Practice Guidelines when applicable to provide students and clinical faculty with current information. Competencies also provide the student with a series of knowledge questions that may be asked by the Clinical Instructor to confirm your understanding of the procedures performed.
- g. Preceptor Evaluation- provides the student the opportunity to evaluate their clinical instructor they were assigned to. FDTC students are required to complete 1 evaluation for each day of clinic and submit a minimum of 4 Preceptor evaluations by the start of final exams. In the event of a negative preceptor encounter the student should complete an Evaluation Alert evaluation.
- h. Clinical Site Evaluation- provides the student the opportunity to evaluate the clinical site and the environment in which their learning took place. FDTC students are required to complete 1 Clinical Site Evaluation for each hospital attended per semester.
- i. Students are required to complete a minimum of 4 Clinical Site Evaluations per semester in order to receive credit on clinic grade.
- j. Affective (Student) Evaluations: For each day of clinic rotation, the student must have 1 Affective evaluation completed. For each evaluation not completed by the beginning of Final Exams, the student Affective evaluation portion of the clinical grade will be reduced by 5 points for each missing Affective evaluation. Students are required review each Affective Evaluation per clinic rotation in order to receive credit on clinic grade.
- k. Action to be taken if clinical faculty do not Validate or complete the requested evaluations:
 - i. If a hospital staff member fails to validate a student's record or complete an evaluation after the initial request, the student will request 1 more time verbally or by written note. If the instructor still does not follow through the request within 2-3 days, the student will send a DataArc message to the DCE noting the date and instructors name of the validation and/or evaluation were requested. The student will not be penalized if they follow the above action.
- l. Back-up procedures if DataArc cannot be accessed:
 - i. If for ANY reason DataArc cannot be accessed the student should complete a paper "Student Daily Log" and have the instructor sign to validate the record. The student must create a daily log in DataArc and submit the paper copy to the Director of Clinical Education (DCE) within 4 days of the occurrence in order to receive credit for the clinical day. If the student fails to submit the documentation by the end of the 4th day in which the incident occurred, the student will be considered absent and no credit will be given for any procedures done on that record. If the student is unable to complete the deadlines above due to extreme circumstances, they should notify the DCE to be given an extension. "Student Daily Log" forms may be downloaded from the college's WebCT web site under the Respiratory Resources section.
- m. Failure to successfully Clock In or Out of Data Arc: Students who are unable to log into or out of Data Arc for any reason are required to notify the Director of Clinical Education immediately at 843-839-1064 and complete a paper log sheet.

- n. Falsification of a DataArc record is viewed as “Academic dishonesty” and the college policies dealing with Academic dishonesty will be applied to this situation.
 - o. Sharing of passwords, entering data for someone other than yourself under their DataArc account is a violation of security. This behavior is unethical and constitutes a fraudulent representation of clinical records. The “Academic dishonesty” applies to these situations.
11. Telephone policy
- a. Hospital phones are not for personal use unless it is an emergency. All cell phones are to be turned to “Silent mode” while in the hospital. Personal use of phones cannot occur in the patient care areas. Hospital policies may supersede this guideline. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in the student being asked to leave clinic and be counted as an unexcused absence. See (page 2, 2G) for consequences of noncompliance.
12. Student Clinical Education and Hospital Employment
- a. Students may not be incorporated into the department work schedules to serve as staff, paid or unpaid. The guiding principle is that student clinical activities are to be closely supervised in order to ensure that the activities are educational. This is not to say that a student may not assist a staff member in completing their work assignment, but the student cannot accept the staff member’s entire workload and not be supervised. To use this practice as a part of clinical training is a direct violation of the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care Standard Section V.C. which states, “All activities required in the program must be educational and students must not be substituted for staff.” In addition, it is a violation of the Clinical Affiliate Agreement which states on page 4, the last paragraph “Students must not be substituted for paid personnel to conduct the work of the clinical facility. However, after demonstrating proficiency, students may be permitted to undertake certain defined activities with appropriate supervision and direction”.
13. Students found working as a paid hospital employee’s while receiving credit for clinic are violating the above principle and will have 26% deducted from their final clinical grade for the semester for each violation. This behavior is also viewed as “Academic dishonesty” because the clinical records are being falsified as a result of duplicated time.
14. Accident Occurring on or off Campus
- a. Accidents involving Faculty, Staff and Student Workers (work-study, clinical student or students on a required internship):
 - b. An accident/illness involving faculty, staff or student worker must be reported immediately to the Human Resources Department (843.349.7134) before seeking medical treatment, if possible, so an accident/incident report can be completed and Worker’s Compensation can be notified. In the event someone in Human Resources cannot be notified, the injured party may contact the College’s Worker’s Compensation insurance carrier, Compendium Services, to complete an accident/incident report and to receive clearance for treatment at 877.709.2667. If the incident is an emergency, please notify Human Resources as soon as the proper medical attention has been rendered for verification of workers’ compensation coverage.

- c. In any event, if an accident occurs, proper documentation needs to be completed. An accident report needs to be filled out stating the name of the injured party, the location of the accident, his/her identification number (social or H number), his/her address & phone number, the date & time of the accident, whether there were witnesses, and a brief description of what occurred. Attached is a copy of the Accident/Incident Report form. A copy of the report needs to be distributed to the following departments: Human Resources, the respective Supervisor, and the Dean/Provost of the specific campus.
- d. If you need to go to the doctor's office, the following locations work in conjunction with our Worker's Compensation:

Doctor's Office Sites for Worker's Compensation			
Doctors Care - Carolina Forest	200 Middleburg Dr Myrtle Beach, SC 29579	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm Sat/Sun 9am-5pm	843-903-6650
Doctors Care - North Myrtle Beach	1714 Hwy 17 Myrtle Beach, SC 29582	Every day 8am-8pm	843-361-0705
Doctors Care - Strand Medical	1220 21st Ave. Myrtle Beach, SC	Every day 8am-8pm	843-626-9379
Doctors Care - Church Street (Hwy 501)	1113 Church St Conway, SC	Every day 8am-8pm	843-248-6269
Doctors Care – Georgetown	1068 North Frazier St Georgetown, SC 29440	Mon-Fri 8am-8pm Sat/Sun 9am-5pm	843-545-7200

Statement of Understanding: DATE Signed required

I have read the Respiratory Care Clinical Policies dated and have had them explained to me by the faculty of Horry Georgetown Technical College Respiratory Care Program. I understand that failure to comply can result in disciplinary action, possible suspension from clinic and/or dismissal from the Respiratory Care Program.

The program director may change any clinical policy without notice in order to promote a safe and effective clinical environment. All changes will be communicated to the students prior to implementation.

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Student's Signature

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

1. Administer chest physiotherapy to a critical care patient.
2. Administer airway care to a critical care patient.
3. Set up initial ventilator settings.
4. Place patient on ventilator after intubation.
5. Administer oxygen therapy to a critical care patient.
6. Administer aerosol therapy to a critical care patient.
7. Administer incentive spirometry to a critical care patient.
8. Assess a critical care patient including palpation; percussion; and auscultation; evaluation of radiograph, laboratory, and other diagnostic materials.
9. Perform airway care including assessment, cleaning, and changing artificial airway tubes.
10. Assess ventilator functions.
11. Collect arterial blood through arterial puncture and arterial catheters.
12. Handle collected blood.
13. Analyze arterial blood for blood gas and acid base parameters.
14. Perform an EKG study.
15. Explain basic EKG arrhythmia.
16. Perform proper skills for certification for Advanced Cardiac Life Support.
17. Perform respiratory care on standard and critically ill pediatric and neonatal patients including patient assessment, chest physiotherapy, airway care, medical gas therapy, oxygen therapy, aerosol therapy, and mechanical ventilation.
18. Abide by all rules and regulations of the respiratory care program.

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

Module 1

Material Covered: Mechanical Ventilation and Setup

Assessments:

Clinical Sheets and Attendance

Clinical Performance and Skills Check

Case Study and Lab Competency

TMC Final Exam

Learning Outcomes:

1. Perform basic setup of mechanical ventilator.
2. Documents ventilator settings on flow sheet.
3. Places patient on mechanical ventilator.
4. Chooses appropriate initial ventilator settings in critical care setting.

Module 2

Material Covered: Basic Respiratory Care of Critical Care Patients

Assessments:

Clinical Sheets and Attendance

Clinical Performance and Skills Check

Case Study and Lab Competency

TMC Final Exam

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Learning Outcomes:

1. Performs complete assessment of mechanically ventilated patient.
2. Utilizes appropriate respiratory equipment based on patient clinical condition.

Module 3

Assessments: Airway Setup

Clinical Sheets and Attendance

Clinical Performance and Skills Check

Case Study and Lab Competency

TMC Final Exam

Learning Outcomes:

1. Perform airway care including assessment, cleaning, and changing artificial airway tubes.
2. Monitor ventilator parameters.
3. Assess ventilator functions.

Module 4

Material Covered: Hemodynamics

Assessments:

Clinical Sheets and Attendance

Clinical Performance and Skills Check

Case Study and Lab Competency

TMC Final Exam

Learning Outcomes:

1. Collect arterial blood through arterial puncture and arterial catheters.
2. Handle collected blood.
3. Analyze arterial blood for blood gas and acid base parameters.
4. Perform an EKG study.
5. Explain basic EKG arrhythmia.

Module 5

Material Covered: Advanced Critical Life Support (ACLS)

Assessments:

Clinical Sheets and Attendance

Clinical Performance and Skills Check

Case Study and Lab Competency

TMC Final Exam

Learning Outcomes:

1. Performs Advanced Critical Life Support in the critical setting.
2. Obtains certification for ACLS by an ACLS instructor.

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

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Clinical Sheets/Attendance	10%
Clinical Performance/Skill Check	15%
Case Study/Test/Lab Competency	50%
<u>TMC Final Exam</u>	<u>25%</u>
	100%

Competency Areas:

Mechanical Ventilator Setup
 Mechanical Ventilator Documentation
 ACLS Certification
 Artificial Airway Setup
 ABG Analysis

Late Assignments:

1. A maximum of one (1) scheduled exam may be made up at the discretion of the course instructor. Any subsequently missed exams will receive a grade of 0.
2. Makeup examinations will be taken in the testing center on campus or a location designated by the instructor.
3. A 10% overall deduction will be applied to the makeup examination score for missed examinations unless faculty are notified in advance (more than 12 hours) or medical documentation is provided.
3. Late homework assignments will have a deduction of ten points of the total assignment grade.
4. Quizzes cannot be made up if you are absent from class a grade of zero (0) will be assigned.
5. Each student must demonstrate safety and competence in required laboratory skill check assessments and laboratory competency practical examinations. Each course with a laboratory component includes skill check assessments that must be mastered within the course.

Skill Check Assessment:

The student is required to successfully complete each skill check assessment for the course prior to the final laboratory competency practical examination or per the instructor's schedule. The course instructor will announce the due date of the skill check assessments in the course calendar informational sheet. Failure to complete a skill check assessment will not allow the student to complete the laboratory competency practical examination, which will result in failure of the course.

Laboratory Competency Practical Examination:

A minimum of 75% and all critical elements must be achieved to pass the laboratory competency practical examination. Three attempts will be given for the competency. Repeat competency will be awarded a maximum of 75%. Students will only be allowed to try the competency one time per day. Failure to pass the competency within three (3) attempts will result in repeat of the failed course.

Summary Performance Evaluation

The following will be used to evaluate the clinical/lab performance:

Satisfactory – Completion of first attempt (85-100%) Performed procedure accurately or was able to correct performance without injury to the patient or decreasing effect of therapy being given.

Unsatisfactory performance – Completion of first attempt (less than <85%). Requires remediation under the following categories.

- The psychomotor portion of the performance evaluation is a pass/fail grading criterion. After a student's second attempt, if the student does not pass the physical portion with an 85% or greater. Failure of the physical portion of the course will result in failure of the course.
- Failure to complete a critical skill after the second attempt within the psychomotor evaluation will also result as a failure of the course.

GRADING SYSTEM:

State the College's or departmental grading system as delineated in the Catalog. Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop ([ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

A grade of "C" or better must be achieved in all required respiratory care program courses for a student to progress through the program. A final grade of less than 75% is not passing in the Respiratory Care Program and does not meet the requirements for progression within the program. This policy is different than the Horry Georgetown Technical College Grading Policy.

GRADING SCALE:

100-90 =	A
89-80 =	B
79-75 =	C
74-69 =	D
68-0 =	F

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of his or her classes in order to be eligible to receive credit for any course. However, due to the varied nature of courses taught at the College, a more rigid attendance policy may be required by individual instructors. At a minimum, a student may be withdrawn from a course(s) after he or she has been absent in excess of twenty percent (20%) of the total contact hours for a course.

Attendance for Face-to-Face Courses:

For a 15-week course (fall and spring) the allowed number of absences for M only class is as follows: 3 absences are allowed regardless of reason. After the allowed number of misses, the student will be dropped from the course with a W or a WF.

For a 15-week course (fall and spring) the allowed number of absences for a MW class is as follows: 6 absences are allowed regardless of reason. After the allowed number of misses, the student will be dropped from the course with a W or a WF.

A tardy is given if the student arrives ten minutes after class starts or before class ends. Three tardies are equivalent to one absence.

Part V: Student Resources



The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic coaches** for most subject areas, **Writing Center Support**, and **college success skills**.
2. **On-line student success and academic support resources**.

Visit the SSTC website: [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455. Room locations and Live Chat is available on the SSTC website.



Student Information Center: WaveNet Central (WNC)

WNC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Getting around HGTC**: General information and guidance for enrollment!
2. Use the [Online Resource Center \(ORC\)](#) for COMPASS support, technology education, and online tools.
3. **Drop-in technology support or scheduled training** in the Center or in class.
4. **In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services** are available.

Visit the WNC website: [Wavenet Central](#). Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call one of the following locations: WNC Conway, 349-5182; WNC Grand Strand, 477-2076; and WNC Georgetown, 520-1473.

Student Testing: (If course is offered in multiple format include this section, delete if only F2F sections are offered.)

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNOW, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

Disability Services

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Jocelyn Williams, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy in educational programs and/or activities.

Title IX Requirements

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Any student who believe he or she has experienced or witnessed discrimination including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is encouraged to report such incidents to one of the College's Title IX Coordinators.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:	
Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs.	Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Associate Vice President for Human Resources.
Dr. Melissa Batten, AVP Student Affairs <i>Title IX Coordinator</i> Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5228 Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu	Jacquelyne Snyder, AVP Human Resources <i>Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator</i> Building 200, Room 212A, Conway Campus PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066 843-349-5212 Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu