



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

RES 253

Advanced Clinical Studies I

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Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: RES 253.

COURSE TITLE: Advanced Clinical Studies I

CONTACT HOURS: 18 hours per week.

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 manner. 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 patient care practice.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

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

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

No books are required for this course.

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information.

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

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Scrubs, shoes, watch, stethoscope, hemostats, scissors, and pocket pulse oximeter

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.

Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.

College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

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 an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

See Clinical Handbook for experiential Policy and Procedures

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

1. Administer intermittent positive Pressure breathing to a critical care patient.
2. Administer chest physiotherapy to a critical care patient.
3. Administer airway care to a critical care patient.
4. Administer oxygen therapy to a critical care patient.
5. Administer aerosol therapy to a critical care patient.
6. Administer incentive spirometry to a critical care patient.
7. Assess a critical care patient including palpation; percussion; and auscultation; evaluation of radiograph, laboratory, and other diagnostic materials.
8. Perform airway care including assessment, cleaning, and changing artificial airway tubes.
9. Monitor ventilator parameters.
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 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.
17. Abide by all rules and regulations of the respiratory care program.

****Students – please refer to the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Module I

Material Covered: Basic Respiratory Care of Critical Care Patients

2025-2026

Assessments:

- Case Study/Clinical Competency/TMC Exam
- Clinical Performance Affective Behaviors Evaluation
- Clinical Logs

Learning Outcomes:

1. Administer intermittent positive Pressure breathing to a critical care patient.
2. Administer chest physiotherapy to a critical care patient.
3. Administer airway care to a critical care patient.
4. Administer oxygen therapy to a critical care patient.
5. Administer aerosol therapy to a critical care patient.
6. Administer incentive spirometry to a critical care patient.
7. Assess a critical care patient including palpation; percussion; and auscultation; and evaluation of radiograph, laboratory, and other diagnostic materials.

Module II

Material Covered: Ventilatory Management – Airway Care

Assessments:

- Case Study/Clinical Competency/TMC Exam
- Clinical Performance Affective Behaviors Evaluation
- Clinical Logs

Learning Outcomes:

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

Module III

Material Covered: Hemodynamics

EKG Interpretation "Oakes" Chapter 4

Dana Oakes, Neonatal and Pediatric Guide

Assessments:

- Case Study/Clinical Competency/TMC Exam
- Clinical Performance Affective Behaviors Evaluation
- Clinical Logs

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.
6. Completion of Advanced Critical Life Support (ACLS) Certification.

Emphasized Clinical Tasks by Semester Note:

Emphasized Clinical Tasks are those procedures the students are learning to perform and will be evaluated on during the semester. Students are expected to perform all procedures that they have been "Checked Off" on with minimum supervision.

Clinical Competency Performance Criteria

Trajecsys clinical assessment sheets are available diagnostic competency and are required to evaluate Student's psychomotor, cognitive, and effective evaluation.

Emphasized Clinical Tasks by Semester Note:				
Semester	Class	Course	Emphasized Clinical Tasks	Tasks that may be performed with minimum supervision
Fall	Freshmen	RES 152	Handwashing, Chart Review, Patient Assessment, O2 Therapy, Tanks, Incentive Spirometry, Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, CPR	
	Seniors	RES 253	Mechanical Ventilation, Vent Graphics, NIPPV, Intubation, Home Care, PFT/Interpretation	O2 Therapy, Lung Inflation / IS, Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, Mucus Clearance (P&PD, Flutter Valve), CPR, ECG, ABG analysis, Airway care/Sxn, Mechanical Ventilation, PFT/Interpretation
Spring	Freshmen	RES 154	Medication Aerosol, Lung Inflation Therapy (Easy PAP/ IPPB), Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, Mucus Clearance (P&PD, Flutter Valve), PFT/Spirometry, ABG's, SXN, CPR, ECG	Handwashing, Chart Review, Patient Assessment, O2 Therapy, Tanks, Lung Inflation / IS, Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, CPR
	Seniors	RES 254	Adult Ventilator Care, Cardiac Catheterization, Neo/PEDS, Sleep Lab, Emer. Dept., CPR	O2 Therapy, Lung Inflation/IS, Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, Mucus Clearance (P&PD, Flutter Valve), CPR, ECG, ABG analysis, Airway care/Sxn, Mechanical Ventilation, PFT/Interpretation/PALS/NRP/ACLS
Summer	Freshman	RES 249	ABG analysis, Airway care/Suctioning, Mechanical Ventilation Set Up, ACLS	O2 Therapy, Lung Inflation Therapy (Easy PAP/IPPB), Incentive Spirometry, Aerosol/Humidity Therapy, Mucus Clearance (P&PD, Flutter Valve), CPR, ECG, ABG analysis, Airway care/Suctioning

Trajecsys clinical assessment sheets are available diagnostic competency and are required to evaluate a Student's psychomotor, cognitive, and effective evaluation.

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.

Cognitive

- Quizzes, tests, case studies, and presentations, etc.

Psychomotor

- All courses required in Skill Check Assessment and Laboratory Competency Practical Examination must be completed.

Affective

- Development of appropriate attitudes is as important as skill and knowledge development.

Affective evaluation will focus on attention on the development of professional behaviors.

" Students, who consistently are unable to meet the clinical objectives, use unsafe methods of delivering patient care, who show inadequate preparation in caring for patients, or who demonstrate unprofessional conduct in the clinical area may receive an unsatisfactory clinical evaluation. An unsatisfactory clinical evaluation constitutes failure of the course and immediate withdrawal from the program."

Competency Areas:

Mechanical Ventilation Setup

Mechanical Ventilator Check

NIPPV Setup

ACLS

EVALUATION*

Clinical Documentation	25%
Case Studies/Affective Evals	25%
Clinical Competencies	20%
Lab Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
	100%

Missing/Late Assignments:

1. Missing daily logs will be considered an absence student will incur an absence and will be required to make up the day.
2. Daily logs are required to be completed before leaving clinical for the day for 100 points.
3. A late grade will be given for logs not submitted by end of the shift with 20 points deduction.
4. Missing daily logs is considered an unexcused absence.
5. Late homework assignments will have a deduction of ten points of the total assignment grade.
6. Absences will incur zero (0) daily grade and follow absence policy in clinical manual.
7. Each student must demonstrate safety and competence in clinical competency practical examinations.
8. All Trajecsyst documentation will be accepted up to 5 days after the due date with partial credit of 50%. Trajecsyst documentation will not be accepted after the 5-day courtesy period and a grade of zero (0) will be assigned to portion of the overall grade. The student will be required to make up the entire clinical.

Clinical Competency and 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. Two attempts can be made to pass the lab competencies and skill check. The course instructor will announce the due date of the skill check assessments in the course calendar informational sheet.

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.

Each competency and skill check are considered a pass/failure. If a student makes less than 85% on the first attempt. The student may repeat the competency/skill check an additional time after the first attempt.

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 first attempt within the psychomotor evaluation will also result as a failure of the course.

Affective Evaluations

Affective evaluations are the third part of the clinical evaluation process. They represent the instructors' overall view of the student's ability to communicate, confidence and independence, initiative and cooperation, maturity, professional ethics, organization, and theory application. Points for the observed level of performance are assigned. Guidelines for outstanding behavior are outlined in the Student Handbook, Policies and Procedures of the Respiratory Care program.

5= Exceptional

Ready for clinical application with minimal supervision. Always arrives on time and prepared. Always exhibits concern for the dignity and welfare for patients and team members; prevents conflict of interest; always takes measures to deal with conflict effectively. Demonstrates a superior understanding of the concepts, facts, and theories specific to the situation. Can perform the skill with confidence, without error and greatly exceeding standards. Seldom requires assistance. Plans, always works efficiently, and manages time wisely.

4= Above Average

Regularly arrives on time and prepared. Consistently displays concern for dignity and welfare of patients and team members; prevents conflict of interest; seeks assistance when conflict arises. Demonstrates a complete and thorough understanding of the concepts, facts, and theories specific to the situation. Can perform the skill with confidence and above the expected standards. Requires minimal assistance. Completes assigned tasks in a timely fashion, and seldom needs direction.

3= Acceptable

Rarely absent but informs appropriate personnel; is seldom late or unprepared but notifies appropriate personnel. Generally, displays concern for dignity and welfare of patients and team members; avoids conflict of interest; and recognizes conflicts as they arise. Demonstrates a general knowledge of the concepts, facts, and theories specific to the situation. Carries out the skill without significant error and meets the accepted standards most of the time. Requires occasional assistance. Completes assigned tasks, needs occasional direction.

2= Below Average

Is periodically late or unprepared. Sometimes neglectful of patients or team members dignity or welfare; occasionally fails to recognize conflict of interest; needs direction in avoiding conflict. Demonstrates an incomplete understanding of the concepts, facts, and theories specific to the situation. Makes non-critical errors when performing the skill and barely meets the expected standards. Inconsistent in completing tasks and needs help in prioritizing work. Requires frequent prompting or assistance.

1 = Unacceptable

Absent repeatedly and neglects to inform appropriate personnel; student is frequently late and unprepared. Is negligent or inconsiderate of patients or team member's dignity or welfare; or demonstrates conflict of interest; or provokes conflict. Demonstrates no understanding of the concepts, facts, and theories specific to the situation. Cannot perform the skill or is in danger of harming the patient. Needs constant assistance. Rarely completes assigned tasks, wastes time, and needs constant assistance and direction.

- N/A Not Applicable- Objective not applicable to this clinical setting
- N/O Not Observed-Objective Not Observed to the extent that a rating is appropriate.
- *Designated safety criteria elements that the student must receive 4 to pass the course regardless of the average score
- **designated behavioral foundational elements in clinical practice that the student must receive a 4 to pass the course regardless of the average score**

***Students who receive a score less than 3 regardless of average affective score will receive a verbal warning for 1st offense, 2nd offense student will receive a written warning and 10-point deduction in overall course grade, and 3rd offense student will be removed from clinical rotations with a "F" as the final clinical grade

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

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

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. You must attend at least one meeting of all 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.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student, and a student may not be permitted to reenroll.

See clinical manual for clinical attendance policy.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following free resources:

1. Academic tutors for most subject areas, Writing Center support, and Academic Coaching for college success skills.
2. Online tutoring and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication coaching in the EPIC Labs.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring or coaching, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the SSTC [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.



STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER: TECH Central

TECH Central offers to all students the following free resources:

1. Getting around HGTC: General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. In-person and remote assistance are available for Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
3. Chat with our staff on TECH Talk, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552. Visit the Tech Central website for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call (843) 349 – TECH (8324), Option # 1.



HGTC LIBRARY:

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries have librarians and staff who can aid with research, computers to support academic research and related school-work, and individual/group study rooms. Printing is available as well at each location. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course and in **make-up exam** situations may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L.
- Test administered in writing on paper.
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms (which may have a fee associated with the usage)

Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Testing candidates must make their appointments 24 hours in advance.

Students must bring a physical ID in order to take a test.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through 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. Students seeking accommodations are encouraged to visit HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#) for detailed information.

It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide appropriate documentation. Once documentation is submitted, the student will participate in an interactive process with Accessibility and Disability Services staff to determine reasonable accommodations. Students may begin the accommodations process at any time; however, accommodations are **not retroactive** and will only be applied from the point at which they are approved. Students must contact the office **each semester** to renew their accommodations.

For assistance, please contact the Accessibility and Disability Services team at disabilityservices@hgtc.edu or 843-796-8818 (call or text).

COUNSELING SERVICES:

HGTC Counseling Services strives to optimize student success through managing personal and academic concerns that may interfere with achieving educational goals. Staff are available to every student for assistance and guidance on personal matters, academic concerns and other areas of concern. HGTC offers free in-person and telehealth counseling services to students. For more information about counseling services, please reach out to counseling@hgtc.edu or visit the website the [Counseling Services webpage](#).

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Our sincere commitment to both effective business management and equitable treatment of our employees requires that we present this Policy Statement as an embodiment of that commitment to the fullest.

Discrimination is conduct that includes unjust or prejudicial treatment based upon an individual's sex, race/color, religion, national origin, age, disability, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, political ideas, marital or family status, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation, genetic information, genetic identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation that excludes an individual from participation in, denies the individual the benefits of, treats the individual differently, or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of a person's working or learning environment. This includes failing to provide reasonable accommodation, consistent with state and federal law, to persons with disabilities.

INQUIRIES REGARDING THE NON-DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX POLICIES:

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, Title VII, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs

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Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources.

Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources

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TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination.

HGTC prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and will provide students, faculty, and staff with necessary information regarding prevention, policies, procedures, and resources.

Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that they have been a victim of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may file a report with the college's Title IX Coordinator or campus law enforcement*.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report these incidents to the Title IX Coordinator 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).

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PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

Under Title IX, colleges must not exclude a pregnant student from participating in any part of an educational program. Horry-Georgetown Technical College is committed to ensuring that pregnant students receive reasonable accommodations to ensure access to our educational programs.

Students should advise the Title IX Coordinator of a potential need for accommodations as soon as they know they are pregnant. It is extremely important that communication between student, instructors, and the Title IX Coordinator begin as soon as possible. Each situation is unique and will be addressed individually.

Title IX accommodations DO NOT apply to Financial Aid. Financial Aid regulations do not give the College any discretion in terms of Financial Aid eligibility.

Certain educational programs may have strict certification requirements or requirements mandated by outside regulatory agencies. Therefore, in some programs, the application of Title IX accommodations may be limited.

To request pregnancy accommodations, please complete the *Pregnancy Intake Form* that can be found [here](#).