Job Title: Pulmonary Technician

Job Summary
A Pulmonary Technician is responsible for administering pulmonary function testing and providing other respiratory-related care and treatment as prescribed by licensed physician.

Nature of Work
This position typically reports to a Nurse Manager, Physician, or other appropriate medical/nursing administrator in a medical clinic, hospital, or other medical facility. This position is non-exempt and is comparable in scope and level of responsibility to a Licensed Practical Nurse that practices in a specialty area. This position interacts regularly with physically challenged patients and their families in the performance of conducting tests and educating them about medicines/treatment. A Pulmonary Technician functions in situations of unsupervised patient contact requiring individual judgment. To qualify for this position, employees must have the appropriate certification or registration, as well as training.

Examples of Duties
The following list provides examples of the most typical duties for positions in this job class. Individual positions may not include all of the examples listed, nor does the list include all of the work that may be assigned to positions in this job class.

- Administers pulmonary function testing, including spirometry, flow volume loops with and without bronchodilator.
- Administers six minute walk test, Oximetry pulse studies, O2 therapy, and Nebulizer treatment.
- Presents educational sessions for other departments within the clinic, such as family medicine, general internal medicine and sub-specialty units. Explains technique for inhaler usage to physicians.
- Reviews pulmonary function studies with medical students, medical staff and physicians.
- Educates patients regarding pulmonary medications and use of oxygen.
- Attends to emergency codes and assists in stabilizing patients for transport to hospital.
- Coordinates clinic schedules for pulmonary physicians and for special tests within the clinic and outlying facilities.
- Maintains pulmonary function equipment and associated supplies.
• Completes reports for pulmonary function tests and distributes to ordering physicians.
• Assists physicians in changing tracheostomy tubing and performing modified bronchoscopy procedures as necessary.

**Minimum Qualification Requirements**
This position requires an Associate’s degree from an accredited Respiratory Therapy program and be a “certified respiratory therapist” (CRT) or a "registered respiratory therapist" (RRT) as designated by the National Board for Respiratory Care, or its successor, as outlined in Section 468.35-369, Florida Statutes.

Or: Any individual certified or registered as a pulmonary function technologist (CPFT) who is credentialed by the National Board for Respiratory Care for performing cardiopulmonary diagnostic studies. (Florida Statutes 468.368)