Course Prefix and Number: RSTH 203
Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Cardiopulmonary Physiology I

Course Prerequisites: Admission into clinical program


Course Description:
An in depth survey of cardiopulmonary physiology with emphasis on structure and function. Clinical implications are introduced to enhance the understanding of the normal cardiopulmonary system as well as a means of reference for pathological conditions.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course the student will:

A. appreciate normal anatomy and physiology in order to recognize pathophysiology of common cardiopulmonary diseases;
B. apply critical analysis to integrate knowledge gained through reading of cardiopulmonary anatomy and physiology in order to anticipate physiological responses to respiratory care procedures routinely performed in an acute care setting;
C. appreciate various pertinent anatomical structures and function as it relates to spontaneous breathing; and
D. demonstrate the ability to send and receive digital correspondence.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. identify the anatomical structure of the upper and lower respiratory zones, thoracic cavity, muscular abdominal wall, and cardiovascular system. (A, B, C)
2. describe the role of the diaphragm during ventilation to include the pressure gradients present. (B, C)
3. define, calculate and evaluate numerous respiratory calculations and formulas. (B, C)
4. define and discuss the various ventilatory patterns. (B, C)
5. define and calculate the gas laws. (B, C)
6. define and evaluate pulmonary function results. (B, C)
7. describe the function of blood components. (B)
8. identify and state the function of the components of heart, major blood vessels, conduction system of the heart, and components of the pulmonary and systemic vasculature. (A, B)
9. define and discuss the importance of multiple hemodynamic values or measurements. (B)
10. discuss the effects of pulmonary circulation. (B, C)
11. discuss the factors that can alter hemodynamic status. (B)
12. discuss the physiology gas transport and how it varies from normal to disease states. (B, C)
13. interpret and analyze blood gas samples. (B, C)
14. discuss the controls of ventilation. (B, C)

Course Requirements: To earn a grade of “C” or higher the student must earn 70% of the total points for the course and meet all of the following course requirements.

- minimum overall average of 70% in the course
- minimum average of 80% on assignments

Course Grading Scale:

A- 90% or more of total possible points and a minimum average of 80% on assignments
B- 80% or more of total possible points and a minimum average of 80% on assignments
C- 70% or more of total possible points and a minimum average of 80% on assignments
D- 60% or more of total possible points or less than 80% on assignments
F- less than 60% of total possible points and less than 80% on assignments

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Course Fees: This course is accompanied with an additional non-refundable fee for supplemental materials, laboratory supplies, certification exams and/or clinical fees.

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