

**STATE OF OHIO (DAS)**CLASSIFICATION  
SPECIFICATION**CLASSIFICATION SERIES:**

Respiratory Therapist

**SERIES NO.:**

4423

**MAJOR AGENCIES:**

MR/DD

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

01/09/2005

**SERIES PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the respiratory therapist occupation is to administer inhalation treatments.

**CLASS TITLE**

Respiratory Therapist

**CLASS NUMBER**

44231

**PAY RANGE**

09

**EFFECTIVE**

01/09/2005

**CLASS CONCEPT:**

The full performance level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of respiratory therapy technology in order to administer inhalation treatments to clients (i.e., employees holding Temporary Permit may perform duties for one year; employees holding Limited Permit may perform duties for time period stipulated for type of Limited Permit issued; employees holding either Temporary Permit or Limited Permit must be supervised by licensed respiratory therapist who is present physically at work site or available at all times by telephone; employees with Temporary Permit or Limited Permit shall not be sole respiratory therapist on staff at assigned facility).

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**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)**

Administers inhalation treatments by using prescribed equipment (e.g., masks, catheter, tents & hoods; assembles & applies pressure devices such as those for intermittent positive pressure breathing, various types of resuscitators & ventilators; assembles equipment & administers aerosol therapy) to clients (i.e., if hold only Temporary Permit or Limited Permit, employee must be supervised by licensed respiratory therapist who is present physically at work site or available at all times by telephone; employees holding only Temporary Permit or Limited Permit shall not be sole respiratory therapist on staff at assigned facility), answers all emergency pages & maintains client & departmental records as assigned.

Conducts inservice training for nurses, physicians, teachers, hospital aides, occupational & physical therapists, recreation therapists & others, as deemed necessary, in suctioning, cough & breathing exercises & postural drainage with chest physiotherapy.

**MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Knowledge of respiratory therapy technology. Skill in operation & maintenance of all currently utilized respiratory therapy equipment. Ability to understand system of mechanical & respiratory therapy procedures; demonstrate dexterity; establish good rapport with clients; prepare & maintain accurate, meaningful & concise records; train in respiratory therapy procedures.

(\*)Developed after employment.

**MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:**

Current license to practice respiratory care in Ohio pursuant to Section 4761.10 of Ohio Revised Code if assigned facility has only one respiratory therapist position on staff.

-Or if assigned facility has one filled licensed respiratory therapist on staff available to provide supervision to other respiratory therapists, applicants with Temporary Permit or Limited Permit to practice respiratory care in Ohio issued pursuant to Sections 4761.05 of Ohio Revised Code qualify.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

**TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:**

Renewal of license, permit or continuing education as required pursuant to Section 4761.06 of Ohio Revised Code. Employees with Temporary Permit must obtain license to practice respiratory care within one year of obtaining Temporary Permit. Failure to obtain license within one year from date Temporary Permit was issued, or failure of Limited Permit holder (i.e., those with L-1 Permit) to satisfy continuing education requirements or (i.e., those with L-2 Permit) renewal requirements is grounds for removal.

**UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:**

May work weekends & rotating shifts; exposed to patients who may display unpredictable behavior, infectious &/or communicable diseases.