

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
DEPARTMENT OF CARDIORESPIRATORY CARE
Suctioning Through An Artificial Airway**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Rating Scale: 0 = inappropriate, incorrect, or omitted
 1 = needs additional study and practice
 2 = appropriate and correct
 N/A = not applicable

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RATING</u>
1. Gathers necessary equipment: suction apparatus with tubing, sterile suction catheter, sterile cup with saline, syringe or unit dose saline, sterile gloves, and resuscitation bag with oxygen supply	_____
2. Communicate with the patient. Explain procedure.	_____
3. Washes hands	_____
4. Adjust suction (-100 mm Hg adults) (-80 mm Hg children)	_____
5. Provide for pre-oxygenation and ventilation	_____
6. Assemble suction kit aseptically and prepares to suction	_____
7. Palpates patient's pulse or observes heart monitor for rate and pattern	_____
8. Perform suction procedure, catheter in airway no longer than 10-15 seconds.	_____
9. Fully withdraw catheter and have assistant post-oxygenate	_____
10. Perform lavage only if necessary.	_____
11. Reoxygenate and repeat suction as needed	_____
12. Flush catheter with saline between suctionings as needed	_____
13. Palpate patient's pulse or observes heart monitor	_____
14. Replace oxygenation/ventilation device	_____
15. Properly dispose of equipment, shut off suction and oxygen delivery to resuscitation bag	_____
16. Record data in progress notes to include sputum characteristics, breath sounds, and cardiac status (pulse)	_____

90% proficiency required to pass

$$\text{Score} = \frac{x}{32} \times 100 = \text{_____}\%$$

_____ pass _____ fail

Instructor's Signature: _____

Instructor's Name: _____ Credential: _____
(Please print)

Student's Signature: _____

Comments _____