

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
 COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
 DEPARTMENT OF CARDIORESPIRATORY CARE
 In-Line Suctioning of Artificial Airway**

Student Name _____ Date _____

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RATING</u>
1. Assess patient for need for suctioning.	_____
2. Communicate with the patient.	_____
3. Wash hands, put on gloves.	_____
4. Adjust suction to approximately -100 mm Hg for adults or -80 mm Hg for children.	_____
5. Increase oxygen percentage (usually to 100%) through the ventilator.	_____
6. Unlock thumb operated suction control.	_____
7. Perform suction procedure, leaving catheter in airways 10-15 seconds.	_____
8. Monitor suction pressures, EKG, and SpO ₂ .	_____
9. Allow period of recovery.	_____
10. Flush catheter with saline as needed.	_____
11. Repeat suctioning procedures as needed.	_____
12. Conclude suctioning procedure, lock thumb operated suction control.	_____
13. Assess patient.	_____
14. Record data in progress notes to include sputum characteristics, breath sounds, and cardiac status (pulse, arrhythmias)	_____

90% proficiency required to pass Score = $\frac{x}{28} \times 100 =$ _____% = _____ Pass _____ Fail

Instructor's Signature: _____

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

Student's Signature: _____

Comments _____