

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** RTH 227

**Credits:** 2

**Course Title:** Integrated Respiratory Therapy Skills II

**Course Description:**

Presents intensive correlation of all major respiratory therapy subject areas reflecting the entry-level and advanced practitioner matrices. Emphasizes assessment, implementation, and modification of therapy to patient response. Prerequisites: Successful completion of all curriculum courses offered during the first five semesters of the AAS degree in Respiratory Therapy. Lecture 2 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

The purpose of this course is to ensure the student has the critical care skills necessary to be a competent advanced respiratory care practitioner.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

1. Develop a personal critical thinking process incorporating all six of the core skills in critical thinking.
2. Apply the critical thinking process to develop a personal program for study and continuing education.
3. Apply the critical thinking process to case studies involving patient assessment and evaluation.
4. Apply the critical thinking process to case studies involving the creation and modification of care plans and clinical protocols.
5. Show proof of ACLS certification.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

1. Problem-based learning
2. Critical thinking
3. Assessment
4. Evaluation
5. Creation and modification of care plans
6. Time management
7. Individual study plans
8. Case studies
9. ACLS

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** November 13, 2008