RTH 255 – MANAGEMENT IN RESPIRATORY CARE (3 CR.)

**Course Description**

Explores the application of management principles to realistic management situation in respiratory care. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

The primary focus of the course is to prepare the student to function as a member of the respiratory care team through investigation of the variety of roles performed by respiratory management staff.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

Prerequisites: Completion of all RTH coursework in the first four semesters of the program or permission of the program head.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

A. Explain the key components of the U. S. Health care system and its relation to respiratory care
B. Explain the organization of modern respiratory care services
C. Demonstrate a knowledge of effective patient record keeping
D. Demonstrate a basic understanding of ethical and legal implications of respiratory care practice
E. Define the role and responsibilities of the respiratory care manager in:
   1. Department management
   2. Shift supervision
   3. Education coordinator
   4. Team leader
   5. Quality assurance coordinator
   6. PFT lab manager
   7. Clinical specialist
F. Successfully complete advanced level written examination

**Major Topics To Be Included**

A. The U. S. health care system
B. Organizational structure and management hierarchy
C. Delivery of modern respiratory care services
D. Patient record keeping
E. Ethical and legal implications
F. JCAHO competency requirements and continuing education responsibilities
G. Development of a quality improvement program
H. Mock advanced level board examinations