Functional Ability Categories & Representative Activities/Attributes for the <u>Certified Nursing Assistant</u>

Gross Motor Skills Move within confined spaces, Maintain balance in multiple positions,

Reach below waist (e.g. plug electrical appliance into wall outlet),

Reach out front.

Smell Detect body and environmental odors.

Fine Motor Skills Grasp, pinch, twist, squeeze (e.g. record/chart), Hand coordination

(e.g. manipulate equipment)

Environment Tolerate exposure to allergens (e.g. latex products, chemical

substances). Tolerate heat and humidity (e.g. giving showers).

Physical Endurance Maintain physical activity for length of clinical shift.

Reading Read and understand written documents (flow sheets, charts, graphs)

Read digital displays.

Communication Interact with others, Speak English, Write English, Listen and

understand spoken and written word.

Physical Strength Push, pull and lift 50 pounds. Support 50 pounds. Use upper/lower

body strength.

Tactile Feel vibrations (e.g. pulse), Detect temperature (e.g. skin, liquids,

environment, equipment), Feel differences in surface characteristics

(e.g. rashes, swelling).

Hearing Hear normal level speaking sounds. Hear faint voices/whisper.

Emotional Stability Ability to provide client with emotional support. Adapt to changing

environment/stress. Focus attention on task. Cope with strong emotions in others (e.g. anger, grief). Respond to the unexpected

(e.g. death, emergencies). Maintain emotional control.

Mobility Twist/bend/stoop/squat. Move quickly (e.g. respond to an

emergency). Climb stairs. Walk (e.g. walk with client)

Math Add/subtract/multiply/divide/measure. Tell time/count.

Visual See objects up to 20 feet away (e.g. computer screen, skin, client in

room. Use depth perception, peripheral vision. Distinguish color,

color intensity.

Problem Solving Know the difference between serious and minor problems, apply

knowledge and skill, organize and use information.

Interpersonal Skills Establish appropriate relationships with clients, families, and

coworkers. Respect cultural differences. Handle interpersonal conflict