




 Pulmonary Function Technology Examination Detailed Content Outline <i>Multiple-choice items are linked to open cells.</i>	Cognitive Level			Totals
	Recall	Application	Analysis	
I. INSTRUMENTATION / EQUIPMENT	10	17	6	33
A. Set Up, Maintain, Calibrate	4	4	2	10
1. Body habitus equipment (for example, stadiometer, body weight scale, caliper)				
2. Blood gas analyzers				
3. Spirometers				
4. Aerosol delivery devices (for example, nebulizers, dosimeters)				
5. Metered dose or dry powder inhalers				
6. Valves (for example, directional, demand)				
7. Gas analyzers (for example, nitrogen, helium, oxygen, methane, CO)				
8. Body plethysmographs				
9. Exercise equipment (for example, treadmill, cycle ergometer)				
10. Field walking test equipment (for example, 6MWT, shuttle walk test)				
11. ECG monitors				
12. Gas delivery systems (for example, blenders, flowmeters)				
13. Pressure measuring devices (for example, manometers, transducers)				
14. Gas and water absorbers (for example, Drierite [®] , Nafion [™] , Perma Pure tubing)				
15. Emergency management equipment (for example, defibrillator, crash cart)				
16. Arterial / venous blood collection equipment				
17. Quality control devices (for example, calibration syringes, manometers, isothermal lung analog)				
18. Infection control materials / methods (for example, wipes, PPE, sterilization devices, filters)				


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19. Monitors				
a. pulse oximeters				
b. blood pressure (for example, manual cuff, automated)				
B. Troubleshoot	3	7	3	13
1. Body habitus equipment (for example, stadiometer, body weight scale, caliper)				
2. Blood gas analyzers				
3. Spirometers				
4. Aerosol delivery devices (for example, nebulizers, dosimeters)				
5. Metered dose or dry powder inhalers				
6. Valves (for example, directional, demand)				
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19. Monitors				
a. pulse oximeters				
b. blood pressure (for example, manual cuff, automated)				
C. Perform Quality Control	3	6	1	10
1. Body habitus equipment (for example, stadiometer, body weight scale, caliper)				
2. Blood gas analyzers (for example, routine testing, proficiency testing)				
3. Spirometers				
4. Aerosol delivery devices (for example, nebulizers, dosimeters)				
5. Metered dose or dry powder inhalers				
6. Valves (for example, directional, demand)				
7. Gas analyzers (for example, nitrogen, helium, oxygen, methane, CO)				
8. Body plethysmographs				
9. Exercise equipment (for example, treadmill, cycle ergometer)				
10. Field walking test equipment (for example, 6MWT, shuttle walk test)				
II. Procedures	7	21	16	44
A. Select Test Protocols and Equipment	3	10	0	13
1. Body habitus measurements and estimates (for example, height, arm span, ulnar length, weight)				
2. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine				
3. Inhaled medication delivery (for example, MDI, DPI, nebulizers)				
4. Blood sample collection (for example, arterial, capillary)				
5. Sputum sample collection				
6. Blood gas analysis (for example, pH, PO ₂ , PCO ₂)				
7. CO-oximetry / hemoximetry				


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8. Static lung volumes				
a. gas dilution methods				
b. body plethysmography				
9. DLCO				
10. Instruction for home testing (for example, spirometry, pulse oximetry)				
11. Patient education (for example, medication delivery, travel, asthma)				
12. Oxygen assessment / titration at rest and / or exercise				
13. Exercise testing				
a. field walking test (for example, 6MWT, shuttle walk test)				
b. monitored (for example, ECG, blood pressure, SpO ₂)				
14. Pulse oximetry				
15. Airway responsiveness				
a. bronchodilation studies				
b. bronchial provocation studies (for example, methacholine, exercise, EVH, mannitol)				
16. Airways resistance / conductance measurements by plethysmography				
17. Respiratory muscle strength (for example, MIP, MEP, cough peak flow)				
18. Patient safety (for example, standard precautions, adverse events / incidents, cross contamination)				
B. Perform the Procedure	3	6	8	17
1. Body habitus measurements and estimates (for example, height, arm span, ulnar length, weight)				
2. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine				
3. Inhaled medication delivery (for example, MDI, DPI, nebulizers)				


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C. Evaluate Validity of Result	1	5	8	14
1. Body habitus measurements and estimates (for example, height, arm span, ulnar length, weight)				
2. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine				
3. Inhaled medication delivery (for example, MDI, DPI, nebulizers)				
4. Blood sample collection (for example, arterial, capillary)				
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17. Respiratory muscle strength (for example, MIP, MEP, cough peak flow)				
18. Patient safety (for example, standard precautions, adverse events / incidents, cross contamination)				
III. Data Management	0	6	17	23
A. Calculate Results, Select Reference Ranges and Data	0	2	6	8
1. Blood gas				
2. CO-oximetry / hemoximetry				
3. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine comparison				
4. Static lung volumes				
a. gas dilution				
b. body plethysmography				
5. DLCO				
6. Home testing (for example, spirometry, pulse oximetry)				
7. Oxygen assessment / titration at rest and / or exercise				
8. Exercise test				
a. field walking test (for example, 6MWT, shuttle walk test)				
b. monitored (for example, ECG, blood pressure, SpO ₂)				
9. Blood pressure monitoring				
10. ECG analysis (for example, arrhythmia, rate, pattern)				
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15. Safety data (for example, hand hygiene compliance, event management)				
16. Quality control procedures (for example, mechanical, biological)				
17. Serial pulmonary function testing (for example, trending a single patient)				
18. Clinical history and demographics (for example, age, race, sex, smoking history, medication, clinical indication)				
19. Laboratory quality management (for example, customer satisfaction, inventory control, standard operating procedures)				
B. Evaluate Reliability of Results	0	2	5	7
1. Blood gas				
2. CO-oximetry / hemoximetry				
3. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine comparison				
4. Static lung volumes				
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18. Clinical history and demographics (for example, age, race, sex, smoking history, medication, clinical indication)				
19. Laboratory quality management (for example, customer satisfaction, inventory control, standard operating procedures)				
C. Evaluate Clinical Implications	0	2	6	8
1. Blood gas				
2. CO-oximetry / hemoximetry				
3. Spirometry				
a. standard				
b. upright / supine comparison				
4. Static lung volumes				
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6. Home testing (for example, spirometry, pulse oximetry)				
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TOTAL	17	44	39		100

Additional Examination Form Specifications

Patient type	Items
Pediatric	10
General	90
Total	100

Topic	Maximum Items
Blood gas analysis	3
CO-oximetry / hemoximetry analysis	2

Pulmonary Function Technologists Admission Requirements

1. Applicants shall be 18 years of age or older.
2. Applicants shall satisfy ONE of the following:
 - Have a minimum of an associate degree from a respiratory therapy education program 1) supported or accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), or 2) accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and graduated on or before November 11, 2009
 - OR
 - Be a Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) or Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) credentialed by the NBRC.
 - OR
 - Complete 62 semester hours of college credit from a college or university accredited by its regional association or its equivalent, including college credit level courses in biology, chemistry and mathematics. A minimum of six months of clinical experience* in the field of pulmonary function technology is also required prior to applying for the examination.

** Clinical experience is defined as a minimum of eight hours per week for a calendar year in pulmonary technology under the supervision of a medical director of a pulmonary function laboratory or a special care area acceptable to the Board. Clinical experience must be completed before the candidate applies for this examination.*

Pulmonary Function Technologists Examination Fees

New Applicant	Repeat Applicant
\$200	\$170