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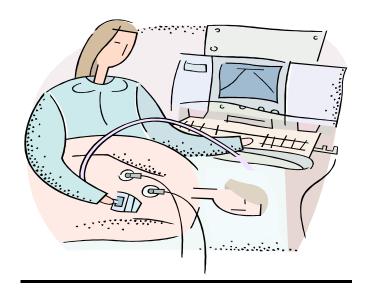


## ELECTROCARDIOGRAM PROGRAM

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## STUDENT CATALOG



### ELECTROCARDIOGRAM PROGRAM

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# ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TECHNICIAN (EKG) ADMISSION POLICY

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT
- 2. Pass a standardize exam, reading and math at minimal 9<sup>th</sup> grade level
- 3. Physical ability to lift and move 25 pounds
- 4. FINE MOTOR COORDINATION (GOOD MANUAL DEXTERITY AND HAND/EYE COORDINATION)
- 5. GOOD VISUAL ACUITY TO DISTINGUISH COLOR
- 6. ABILITY TO STAND FOR PERIODS OF TIME
- 7. MUST BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY
- 8. MUST BE ABLE TO DISPLAY FLEXIBILITY, ACCEPT AND INTEGRATE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM IN THE CLASSROOM AND LABORATORY SETTINGS
- 9. CURRENT PHYSICAL EXAM (FORMS AVAILABLE IN ELIM'S REGISTRATION OFFICE)
  PREGNANT STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE A PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT INDICATING THE STUDENT
  IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS, IN BOTH CLASSROOM AND
  CLINICALS (MOCK) COMPONENTS OF THE COURSE.
- 10. TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST MANTOUX OR CHEST X-RAY

#### STUDENTS MUST:

- 1. COMPLETE 100 CLOCK HOURS
- 2. Pass the course with a grade of "C" or better
- 3. PARTICIPATE IN ALL SIMULATED CLINICAL

## ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (EKG) PROGRAM SYLLABUS

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS ARE PERFORMED ROUTINELY AT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, PRE-SURGICAL EVALUATIONS, BEFORE INITIATING FITNESS PROGRAM, AS WELL AS IN THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

THIS PROGRAM WILL INSTRUCT STUDENTS IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPLYING UP TO 12 LEAD ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS, PATIENTS' CONFIDENTIALITY, BASIC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY, AND RHYTHMS STRIPS INTERPRETATIONS. LECTURES WILL INCLUDE MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY, CARDIAC DRUGS, CARDIAC COMPLICATIONS RECORDING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES, ATRIAL/VENTRICULAR/SINUS/PACEMAKER RHYTHMS AND THE OPERATION OF THE 12-LEAD MACHINE. THE STUDENT WILL COMPLETE 100 CLOCK HOURS.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

#### **GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM SHALL:**

- 1. Become knowledgeable about the career of an Electrocardiogram Technician
- 2. Have a basic knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the heart
- 3. Possess knowledge of patient's rights and confidentiality
- 4. Define, correctly spell, and identify common medical terminology, terms and abbreviations encountered in electrocardiograms.
- 5. List at least two basic types of cardiac cells in the heart, and know their location
- 6. Describe a p-wave, pr segment, pr interval, GRS complex, ST-segment, T-wave, QT interval, and U-wave as they relate to cardiac activity
- 7. Describe the electrocardiogram signs and symptoms of emergency care of dysrhythmias
- 8. Successfully identify the 12 lead EKG, describe the correct anatomic placement of the leads, and correctly place the leads.
- 9. Students to prepare to participate in electrocardiogram simulated lab, EKG tutorial and educational video
- 10. Demonstrate understanding of theory and clinical by scoring a minimum of 70% on the National Certification written exam.

### ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TECHNICIAN.....TUITION

#### **Course Description:**

Electrocardiograms are performed routinely at medical examinations, pre-surgical evaluations, before initiating fitness programs, as well as in the assessment and treatment of cardiovascular disease. This program will instruct students in the responsibilities of applying up to 12 leads electrocardiograms, patient's confidentiality, basic electrophysiology, and rhythms strips interpretations. Lectures will include medical terminology, cardiac drugs, and cardiac complications, along with recording and reporting.

#### **COST:**

TUITION/Registration	\$875.00
BOOK	\$100.00
FEES	\$80.00

TOTAL \$ 1055.00

#### **OTHERS:**

1.	UNIFORM	\$25.00
2.	SHOES	\$25.00
<b>3.</b>	CPR	\$60.00
4.	CALIPERS	\$17.00
<b>5.</b>	NATIONAL EXAM	\$105.00

TOTAL \$232.00

**TOTAL COST:** \$ 1287.00

Under the law you have the right, among others, to pay full amount due and to obtain under certain conditions a partial refund of financial charges if applicable. (ELIM does not charge finance charges. A late fee of 10% will be added to all late payments)

Method of Payment: Money Order or Cashier's Check. **SORRY, WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS.** 

Please see your contract regarding registration fee and amount due on the first day of class (book(s) will be issued with first payment.

\*Supplies may be purchased from ELIM or you may purchase uniforms and other supplies at: Wal-Mart, Work N Gear, and Life Uniform. Please consult the yellow book for a location near you.

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## ELECTROCARDIOGRAM COURSE MATERIAL

#### **TEXT BOOK INFORMATION:**

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY ESSENTIALS BY; CHERYL PASSANISI, RN, MS

CLINICAL ALLIED HEALTHCARE SERIES

KAY STEVENS, RN, MA

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#### **BOOK DESCRIPTION**

THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS BOOK FOCUSES ON THE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION THE STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW TO INTERPRET ECG'S/EKG'S AND UNDERSTAND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE. EACH ECG RHYTHM IS DESCRIBED AND ACCOMPANIED BY A SAMPLE RHYTHM STRIP. POSSIBLE PATIENT SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS RELATED TO THE RHYTHM AND WHEN APPROPRIATE, CURRENT RECOMMENDED TREATMENTS FOR THE RHYTHM ARE DISCUSSED.

INCLUDES OTHER INFORMATION SUCH AS CARDIAC DRUGS, ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF THE HEART, INTRODUCTION TO THE 12-LEAD ECG, AND THE APPLICATION OF THE 12-LEAD ELECTRODES

## Electrocardiogram Course Outline

#### **Orientation**

- A. Course Introduction
- B. Program Policies and Procedures

#### **UNIT 1**

#### Introduction to Electrocardiogram

- A. Role and Responsibility of the EKG Technician
- B. Qualification of the EKG Technician
- C. Key terms related to EKG

#### Objectives:

At the end of this unit the student shall be able to:

- 1. Define and correctly spell important related words.
- 2. State the role and responsibilities of the EKG technician
- 3. State the qualities of an EKG technician

#### **UNIT 2**

#### **Fundamental Concepts**

- A. Introduction to the Cardiac Patient
- B. Cardiac Risk factors
- C. Disease and Diagnostic Procedures
- D. Key Terms

#### Objectives:

At the end of this unit the student shall be able to:

- 1. State and explain several cardiac risk factors
- 2. State several disease and conditions that may have an effect on the heart
- 3. Define and correctly spell key terms

#### UNIT 3

#### Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology

- A. The role and the position of the heart in the body
- B. The heart as a muscle
- C. Circulation of Blood through the heart
- D. The Electrical Impulse and Conduction system
- E. The Cardiac Cycle

#### Objectives:

- 1. State the location of the heart and identify the large blood vessels around the heart
- 2. Describe how the heart works as a muscle
- 3. State the flow of blood through the heart
- 4. State the difference between mechanical and electrical function of the heart
- 5. Define and correctly spell key terms

#### UNIT 4

EKG Basics: The Heartbeat as a Waveform

- A. Application of theory
- B. Action Potential
- C. The Waveform
- D. EKG tracing
- E. The Cardiac Cycle

#### Objectives:

At the end of this unit the student shall be able to:

- 1. State the theory of events as it relates to polarization, depolarization, repolarization and movements of electrolytes
- 2. Describe how the electrical impulse represented by the EKG waveform relate to the activities of the heart chambers
- 3. Label the parts of the normal sinus waveform of the EKG tracing
- 4. Define and correctly spell the key terms

#### UNIT 5 The 12-Lead EKG

- A. Introduction to the 12-Lead ECG
- B. Preparing the Patient
- C. The Electrocardiograph
- D. The ECG Reading
- E. Lead Placement and Description
- F. Procedures for Obtaining a 12-Lead ECG

#### Objectives:

At the end of this unit the student shall be able to:

- 1. State what a "lead" is and recognize the 12 leads used in a standard ECG
- 2. Describe the equipment used when obtaining an ECG
- 3. State the correct way to prepare a patient's skin for an ECG and give explanation why proper preparation is important
- 4. Describe the proper steps to follow when taking an ECG
- 5. Demonstrate how to correctly perform an ECG
- 6. Define and correctly spell key terms

#### **UNIT 6**

The Holter Monitor

- A. Indications for the Holter Monitor
- B. The Holter Monitor
- C. Lead Positions
- D. Holter Monitor Testing
- E. Holter Monitor Placement

#### Objectives:

- 1. Explain the Holter monitor and state its likeness and dissimilarity from a 12-Lead ECG
- 2. Give several symptoms that may require testing with a Holter monitor
- 3. State several conditions in which the use of the Holter monitor can be helpful

#### in determining an ultimate diagnosis

- 4. Explain the correct procedure for applying a Holter monitor to a client
- 5. Discuss why a journal is needed and how long the monitor is left on
- 6. Correctly apply a Holter monitor to a classmate
- 7. Spell and define key terms

#### **UNIT 7**

#### The Treadmill Stress Test

- A. Indications for a TMST
- B. Contraindications for a TMST
- C. Patient Instruction
- D. Exercise ECG Equipment
- E. Patient Preparation
- F. Determining a Patient's Target Heart Rate
- G. Roles of Healthcare Professionals
- H. Treadmill stress test and blood pressure
- I. Precautions

#### Objectives:

At the end of this unit the student shall be able to:

- 1. State what information can be obtained from a TMST, or exercise ECG
- 2 Give several sign and conditions that may require further testing by a TMST
- 3. State signs that a client may develop during a Treadmill Stress Test
- 4. Give several reasons for stopping the Treadmill Stress Test.
- 5. Discuss which condition can make it unsafe to proceed with an exercise ECG
- 6. Correctly take a blood pressure
- 7. Define and correctly spell key terms

#### **UNIT 8**

#### Basics of Rhythm Interpretation

- A. Introduction to Rhythm Analysis
- B. ECG Graph Paper
- C. Systematic Rhythm Analysis
- D. Rhythm Interpretation

#### Objectives:

- 1. Explain the requirements for normal sinus rhythm
- 2. State how to examine the heart rhythm
- 3. Distinguish and correctly measure components of the ECG waveform
- 4. Give the normal duration for the PR interval and QRS complex
- 5. State several techniques for measuring waveforms
- 6. Explain normal sinus rhythm
- 7. Correctly spell and define key terms

#### **UNIT 9** Analysis and Identification of Abnormal Heart Rhythms

- A. Introduction to Abnormal Heart Rhythms
- B. Atrial Arrhythmias
- C. Junctional Arrhythmias
- D. Ventricular Arrhythmias
- E. Heart Block
- F. Other significant Rhythms

#### Objectives:

- 1. State several irregular heart rhythms that originate in the atria of the heart
- 2. Name several .irregular heart rhythms that initiate in the ventricle of the heart
- 3. State three irregular heart rhythms that arise because of abnormalities that block the conduction system of the heart
- 4. Give three heart rhythms that point to a medical emergency
- 5. Correctly spell and define key terms

# ELECTROCARDIOGRAM TECHNICIAN UNIT HOURS

Unit

UNIT 1. INTRODUCTION TO THE ROLE	6
UNIT 2. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS	6
UNIT 3. CARDIAC ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY	15
UNIT 4. EKG BASIC	14
UNIT 5. THE 12 LEAD ECG/EKG	14
UNIT 6. HOLTER MONITOR	7
UNIT 7. THE TREADMILLS STRESS TEST	7
UNIT 8. BASIC RHYTHM INTERPRETATION	16
Unit 9. Analysis and Identification of Abnormal Heart Rhythms	15
Total Clock Hours	100

## ELECTROCARDIOGRAM CLASS SCHEDULE

WEEK	DAY	LESSON	READING ASSIGNMENT	UNIT OBJECTIVE:
Unit I	TUESDAY	ORIENTATION 1/2 DAY		ELIM'S POLICY AND PROCEDURE HAND OUTS / BOOKS
UNIT 2	TUESDAY	LECTURE	CHAPTER 1 & 2	PERSONAL CONCEPTS ROLE OF THE TECHNICIAN  CARDIAC ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY
	THURSDAY	TEST LECTURE	CHAPTER 1 & 2 CHAPTER 3 & 4	EKG BASIC
UNIT 3	TUESDAY	TEST LECTURE	CHAPTER 3 & 4 CHAPTER 5	END OF CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT DUE THE 12-LEAD EKG
	THURSDAY	LECTURE	CHAPTER 5	MOCK CLINIC I (I2 LEAD EKG) PAYMENT MUST BE CURRENT TO TAKE THE MIDTERM EXAM.
UNIT 4	TUESDAY	MIDTERM TEST LECTURE VIDEO	CHAPTERS 1-4 CHAPTER 6	HOLTER MONITOR
-	THURSDAY	TEST LECTURE	CHAPTER 5 & 6 CHAPTER 7	THE TREADMILL STRESS TEST
Unit 5	TUESDAY			PER INSTRUCTOR
	THURSDAY	TEST LECTURE	CHAPTER 7 CHAPTER 8	END OF CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT DUE BASICS OF RHYTHM INTERPRETATION
UNIT 6	TUESDAY	TEST LECTURE	CHAPTER 8 CHAPTER 9	MOCK CLINIC
	THURSDAY	LECTURE	CHAPTER 9	ANALYSIS AND IDENTIFICATION OF ABNORMAL HEART RHYTHMS

UNIT 7	TUESDAY	LECTURE	CHAPTER 9	Mock Clinic
	THURSDAY	LECTURE VIDEO	CHAPTER 9	Mock Clinic
UNIT 8	TUESDAY	TEST	CHAPTER 9	Mock Clinic
	THURSDAY			NATIONAL EXAM INFORMATION REVIEW
UNIT 9	TUESDAY	FINAL EXAM CLINICAL		STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EKG APPLICATION(S). STUDENTS MUST BRING IN 2 PARTICIPANTS PLEASE FOLLOW ALL YOUR INSTRUCTOR INSTRUCTIONS. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 18YRS OLD.
	THURSDAY	CLINICAL		
UNIT 10	TUESDAY	FINAL EXAM WRITTEN		WRITTEN EXAM DISMISSED AFTER THE EXAM
	THURSDAY	EVALUATION		TEACHERS EVALUATION EXIT INTERVIEW FINAL EVALUATION

#### SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE CURRENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MIDTERM EXAM, FINAL EXAM AND SIMULATED CLINICAL. PAYMENTS NOT PAID ACCORDING TO THE SIGNED INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT CAN LEAD TO DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR STUDENT CATALOG.

CLASS WILL START AT 5:30PM, YOU WILL HAVE ONE 15 MINUTE BREAK (PER INSTRUCTOR). PLEASE CONSULT YOUR STUDENT CATALOG ON POLICIES REGARDING ABSENTEEISM AND TARDINESS.

STUDENTS MUST PASS ALL EXAMS WITH AN 80% OR BETTER.

Please see your instructor immediately if you are having problems achieving or maintaining the required 80% GPA.

All students must turn in 1 or 2 complete EKG strips from 1 or 2 participants ( must be 18yrs and older) . Clinical grade will be based on clinical attendance and clinical performance. Student must be in uniform to participate in the final clinical exam.

Please Note: Only one excused exam will be allowed per course.

Student must be in full uniform daily and to participate in ALL mock clinical. NO EXCEPTION.

PLEASE: PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONES OFF IN THE CLASSROOM