



## SKILLS CHECKLIST CRITICAL CARE NURSING

NAME OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:</b></p> <p>A thorough evaluation of your skill level in various specialty areas will enable us to locate assignments that are suitable to your skills and the needs of our patients. Most Critical Care areas care for both adult and pediatric patients. Please identify your experience by placing an "X" in the box that most accurately describes your level of expertise for the skills listed. Complete the assessment for both the ADULT and PEDIATRIC columns.</p>	<p><b>LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY:</b></p> <p>A= Perform Well (at least one year of current experience, very comfortable performing without supervision).          B= Limited Experience (six months to one year of experience, would require some assistance).          C= Perform infrequently (less than three months of experience, need more experience and practice, assistance required).          D= No Experience (have never performed this task, willing to learn).</p>
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COMPETENCIES	ADULT				PEDIATRIC			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
<b>Technical Skills Utilized in <u>ALL</u> or <u>MOST AREAS</u> including Step-Down Areas</b>								
Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation								
Blood & Blood Products Transfusion								
Blood Cultures, Obtain Peripheral								
Blood Gas, Obtain via Arterial Line								
Blood Sample, Obtain by Line Draw								
Blood Sample, Obtain by Venipuncture								
CVVHD (Prisma)								
Chest Tubes and Drainage System								
Cardioversion, Assist with								
Defibrillation, Independent								
EKG, Obtaining 12 Lead								
Emergency Intubation, Assist with								
Glasgow Coma Scale Calculation								
Hyperalimentation & Lipids (TPN)								
Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump, Care of Patient With and Assist on Insertion								
Intracranial Pressure Monitoring								
Intravenous Insertion								
PCA/Epidural Pain Control								
Organ Transplant, ( <i>Circle ones with Experience</i> ) Heart, Lung, Liver, Renal								
Pacemakers: Permanent/Transvenous								
Perform Cardiac Outputs								
Peritoneal Dialysis								
Physical Assessment, Head to Toe – Basic/Advanced								
Pressure Lines (Arterial), Pulmonary Artery, Assist with Insertion and Maintenance								
Pressure Lines (Pulmonary Artery), Assist with Insertion and Maintenance								
Pressure Lines (Venous), Assist with Insertion and Maintenance								

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	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
Ventilator Managemnt (ET & Suction)									
Ventricular Drains									
<b>PHARMACOLOGY: INCLUDING DRUG CALCULATION &amp; TITRATION</b>									
Amiodarone									
Amrinone									
Anesthetic Agents—Inhaled, IV, Regional, Muscle Relaxants (Recovery)									
Chemotherapy IV Administration									
Dopamine/Dobutamine									
Epidural Anesthesia									
Epinephrine Infusion									
Fentanyl									
Isoproterenol Infusion									
Magnesium Sulfate									
Nitroglycerin									
Nitroprusside									
Norepinephrine									
Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA)									
Phentolamine									
Pronestyl									
Prostaglandin									
Streptokinase									
TPA – Tissue Plasminogen Activator									
<b>PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE WITH PATIENTS HAVING:</b>									
Cardiac Surgery-CABG									
Cardiac Surgery- Valves									
Cardiac Surgery- ASD and VSD									
Cardiac Surgery- AVSD (AV canal)									
Cardiac Surgery- BT shunt, PA Band									
Care of Patient on ECMO (CSICU)									
Rotablation or Artherectomy									
PTCA, Stent, Femoral Sheath Care									
Cardiac Cath									
Tracheostomy Care, New and Old									
NICU-Exchange Transfusions									
NICU-High Frequency Ventilation									
NICU-Severely Premature <28 weeks									
Post Neurosurgical Craniotomy									
Automatic Internal Cardiac Defibrillators (AICD)									

Signature of the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)	Yes	No
Pediatric Advanced Life support (PALS)	Yes	No
Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)	Yes	No

**CRITICAL CARE CERTIFICATION:**

CCREN	Yes	No	DATE ATTAINED: _____
ENB-100	Yes	No	DATE ATTAINED: _____
OTHER (please specify)	Yes	No	DATE ATTAINED: _____

ICU ONLY: How comfortable do you feel coordinating the care of two ICU patients, both possibly ventilated, at the same time? Many assignments in the ICU are “doubles”.

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How many beds are in your most recent ICU? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current nurse/patient ratio? \_\_\_\_\_

Most Critical Care Nurses are oriented to more than one area to facilitate flexible staffing. Please check the areas where you have clinical experience and feel you could comfortably work after an orientation.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Surgical ICU
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coronary Care Unit – CCU
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pediatric ICU
- \_\_\_\_\_ Post Anesthesia Care – Recovery
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cardiac Surgery ICU
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cardiovascular Telemetry (step-down post open heart surgery) - CVT
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical ICU, Oncology and Long Term
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Cardiology
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neonatal Intensive Care Level III
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neonatal Intensive Care level II

The following competencies will be evaluated during your initial orientation time by demonstrated practice or written examination.

- Basic Cardiac Dysrhythmia Interpretation
- Pharmacology Use
- Aseptic Technique
- Blood Specimen Collection
- Medication Dosage Calculation
- Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS)

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