

**South Plains College**  
**EMS Programs**  
**Suctioning a Patient's Airway**

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| COURSE: |  | SEMSTER: | INITIAL: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></span> RETEST: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 15px;"></span> |

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| <b>Task:</b> Suction a patient's airway.  |
| <b>Performance Observations:</b> The candidate shall be able to correctly suction a patient's airway. |
| <b>Candidate Directive:</b> "Properly suction a patient's airway."                                    |

| No. | Task Steps   | Pass                     | Fail                     |
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| 1.  | Make sure the suctioning unit is properly assembled, and turn on the suction unit.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2.  | Measure the catheter from the corner of the mouth to the earlobe.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3.  | Open the patient's mouth, and insert the catheter to the predetermined depth (without suctioning.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4.  | Apply suction in a circular motion as you withdraw the catheter.                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5.  | Do not suction an adult for more than 15 seconds.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Absolutely satisfied _____ Yes _____ No _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pass<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fail  |
| Examiner: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></span> | Certification # <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></span> |

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