



# Nursing & Employment Agency Ltd

## CRITICAL CARE NURSING SKILLS CHECKLIST

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

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:	LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY:
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 units 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 this assessment for both the ADULT and PEDIATRIC columns.	<p><b>A</b> = Can demonstrate competencies without additional education and practice for last one year of current experience.</p> <p><b>B</b> = Can demonstrate competencies with minimal review (have limited experience with procedure).</p> <p><b>C</b> = Limited ability to demonstrate competencies (require in-depth orientation and training).</p> <p><b>D</b> = No Experience (willing to learn)</p>

COMPETENCIES	ADULT				PEDIATRIC			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS UTILIZED IN ALL or MOST AREAS Including Step-down Areas</b>								
Cardiac Rhythm Interpretation								
Blood & Blood Products Transfusion								
Blood Cultures, Obtain Peripheral								
Blood Gas/Arterial vs. Arterial Line								
Blood Sample, Obtain by Line Draw								
Blood Sample, Obtain by Venipuncture								
Continuous Arterial Venous Hemodialysis and Continuous Venovenous Hemodialysis								
Chest Tubes & Drainage Systems								
Cardioversion, Assist with								
Defibrillation, Independent								
EKG; obtaining 12 lead (EKG)								
Do you know how to recognize and treat the following EKG/ECG changes:								
Sinus Bradycardia								
Sinus Tachycardia								
Premature Atrial Contractions								
Supraventricular Tachycardia/ Atrial Fibrillation								
Atrial Flutter								
Atrial Fibrillation								
Junctional Rhythms								
Accelerated Junctional								
Junctional Tachycardia								
Premature Junctional Contractions								
1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Heart Block								
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Heart Block (type one and two)								
3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Heart Block								
Ventricular Tachycardia								
Ventricular Fibrillation								
Premature Ventricular Contractions								

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	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Electrocardiogram (ECG) Rhythm								
Aortic								
600 cycle Intermittent								
Muscle Movement								
Can you label a diagram of the electrical conduction system of the heart?								
Do you know the normal EKG/ECG intervals for the following:								
PR Interval								
QRS Interval								
Can you calculate the heart rate from an EKG/ECG strip?								
Emergency intubation, assist with								
Gasconer Formula Scale calculations								
Hypertension & Lipids								
Intra-Nasal Balloon Pump, care of patient with & assist on insertion								
Intra-arterial Pressure Monitor								
Intravenous Insertion								
Patch Controlled Analgesia/Epidural Pain Control								
Organ Transplant, Care ones with experience: heart, lung, liver, renal								
Pneumoles: Peritoneal/Thoracic								
Perform Cardiac Output								
Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis								
Physical Assessment, Head to Toe - Basic/Advanced								
Pressure Lines (Arterial, Pulmonary artery, assist with insertion & maintenance								
Pressure Lines (Pulmonary Artery), assist with insertion & maintenance								
Pressure Lines (Venous), assist with insertion & maintenance								
Ventilation Management (Endotracheal) Tube & circuit								
Ventricular Drain								
<b>PHARMACOLOGY: INCLUDING DRUG CALCULATION &amp; TITRATION</b>								
Amiodarone Hydrochloride (Cordarone)								
Amilorone lactate (Amcor)								
Chemotherapy IV administration								
Dobutamine (Dobutid)								
Dofetilone (Dofetilid)								
Epinephrine (Adrenalin)								
Fentanyl (Sublimaze)								
Isoprenaline (Isuprel)								
Magnesium sulfate								
Nitroglycerin (GTN; NTG)								
Nitroglyceride (Nitrolic)								

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	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Non-opioid analgesic (Levophed)								
Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA)								
Propofol (Propofolamide Diethylsiloxane)								
Propofol (Propofol)								
Streptokinase (Streptase)								
Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA)								
Muscle Relaxants								
Epidural Anesthesia								
Epidural Analgesia								
<b>PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE WITH PATIENTS HAVING:</b>								
Cardiac Surgery (CABG)								
Cardiac Surgery (Valves)								
Cardiac Surgery (ASD and VSD)								
Cardiac Surgery (AVSD) (Ventricular)								
Cardiac Surgery (Fontan)								
Cardiac Surgery (BT shunt, PA Band)								
Care of Patient on ECMO (SUFU)								
Intubation or Arthrocentesis								
PTCA, Stent, Percutaneous Shunt Care								
Cardiac Cath								
Tracheostomy Care, new and old								
NICU - Resuscitation & Stabilization in Delivery Room								
NICU - Exchange transfusions								
NICU - High frequency ventilation								
NICU - Severely premature <28 weeks								
Post Neurosurgical Craniotomy								
Asynchronous Interval Cardiac Defibrillation (AICD)								

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Yes  No   
 Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Yes  No   
 Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Yes  No   
 (previously called Neonatal Advanced Life Support - NALS)

**CRITICAL CARE CERTIFICATION:**

CCRS Yes  No  DATE ATTAINED \_\_\_\_\_  
 ENB (CC) 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 to the ICU are 1:1 only.

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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 work in one area to facilitate flexible staffing. Please check the areas where you have clinical experience and feel you could comfortably work after an orientation.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Surgical ICU            | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical ICU - Oncology & Long Term                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Care Unit-CCU          | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Cardiology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric ICU                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Intensive Care Level III                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Anesthesia Care - Recovery | <input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal Intensive Care Level II                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Surgery (ICU)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular Telemetry (one-down post open heart surgery) -CVT |

The following competencies will be evaluated during your initial orientation visit by demonstrating/presenting or written examination:

Basic Cardiac Device (Ventricular Interventions)  
Pharmacology Use  
Aseptic Technique

Blood Specimen Collection  
Medication Dosage Calculation  
Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS)

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