

**Community College of Aurora
Practical Exam Skill Sheet
Upper Airway Adjuncts and Suction**

Modeled after the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Practical Examination

Student name: _____ Date: _____

Examiner: _____ Signature: _____

Oropharyngeal Airway	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Selects appropriate-sized airway	1	
Measures airway	1	
Inserts airway without pushing the tongue posteriorly	1	
<i>Note: The examiner must advise the candidate that the patient is gagging and becoming unconscious</i>		
Removes oropharyngeal airway	1	
Suction		
<i>Note: The examiner must advise the candidate to suction the patient's oropharynx/nasopharynx</i>		
Turns on and prepares the suction device	1	
Assures presence of mechanical suction	1	
Inserts suction tip without suction	1	
Applies suction to the oropharynx/nasopharynx	1	
Nasopharyngeal Airway		
<i>Note: The examiner must advise the candidate to insert a nasopharyngeal airway</i>		
Selects appropriate airway	1	
Measures the airway	1	
Verbalizes lubrication of the nasal airway	1	
Fully inserts the airway with the bevel facing toward the septum	1	
Total	13	
CRITICAL CRITERIA		
	Did not take or verbalize body substance isolation precautions	
	Did not obtain a patent airway with the oropharyngeal airway	
	Did not obtain a patent airway with the nasopharyngeal airway	
	Did not demonstrate an acceptable suction technique	
	Inserted any adjunct in a manner dangerous to the patient	

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items on the reverse side of this form.