



Initial	
Retest	

Practical Skills Examination – Vital Signs (8 min time limit)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Examiner: _____ Start time: _____

DSHS# _____ Stop time: _____

		Candidate	Examiner
1. Obtains Pulse	Rate		
	Rhythm		
	Quality		
2. Obtains Respirations	Rate		
	Rhythm		
	Quality		
3. Auscultates Breath Sounds	Mid Clavicular L/R		
	Mid Auxillary L/R		
4. Palpates Blood Pressure			
5. Auscultates Blood Pressure	Systolic		
	Diastolic		

Critical Criteria

- Exceeds time limit _____
- Difference in pulse rate by more than 10 of examiner's rate _____
- Difference in respiratory rate by more than 6 of examiner's rate _____
- Difference in palpated pressure by more than 10 of examiner's rate _____
- Difference in systolic or diastolic pressure by more than 10 of Examiner's value _____
- Did not place BP cuff appropriately _____
- Uses thumb to measure pulse _____
- Auscultates breathes inappropriately _____
- Commits any potentially detrimental errors _____

Examiners Signature _____

PASS

FAIL

COMMENTS MAY BE PLACED ON THE BACK