

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional nursing position in Public Health Nursing Service and involves responsibility for coordinating individual patient care and for performing nursing services requiring substantial specialized judgment and skills. The work is performed under the general supervision of a supervisory level nursing position and in accordance with a prescribed nursing care plan. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses and related auxiliary nursing personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

In the County Nursing Service:

Implements the nursing care plan developed by a Public Health Nurse or Supervising Nurse;
Monitors patient care needs through observation and analysis of records, and alters the nursing care plan as needed in consultation with a supervisor;
Provides skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients in their homes and clinics and demonstrates nursing care techniques to patients and their families;
Confers with physicians, nutritionists, physical therapists, social workers and other professionals and para-professionals concerned with individual and family health care;
Assists in teaching classes and participates in community activities relating to nursing and/or health;
Instructs and advises individuals and families in the prevention of illness and attainment of maximum health;
May make contacts with appropriate social services or health agencies as necessary to assure patient needed service or follow-up care;
Maintains essential agency and nursing care records and reports;
May make initial home visits and develop preliminary care plan in the absence of a Public Health Nurse;
Attends staff meetings and in-service education programs;
May supervise Licensed Practical Nurses, Home Health Aides, Personal Care Aides.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices;
Working knowledge of dietetics, sanitation, and personal hygiene related to nursing care;
Skill in the application of nursing techniques practices;
Ability to understand and follow technical oral and written instructions;
Ability to keep records and make reports;

Ability to get along well with patients, physicians and others;
Ability to perform work requiring physical effort;
Ability to carry out successfully the therapeutic measures prescribed;
Ability to respond positively to distressing human conditions;
Willingness to be exposed to disagreeable conditions such as offensive sights or odors, blood, etc.;
Sympathetic attitude toward the sick;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from a school of nursing approved by the State Education Department from a course approved by such department as qualifying for Registered Professional Nurse.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Eligibility for license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse. Possession of the license at the time of appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Eligibility for a motor vehicle operator's license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Possession of license at time of appointment.