

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves coordinating and providing primary health care to patients within a clinical specialty such as, adult health, child health, family health, maternal health, or in specialized areas of public health practices such as communicable disease control or family planning. An incumbent provides direct health care to patients, assists in planning and evaluating health clinic programs, procedures and operations and provides clinical supervision of Public Health Nurse Practitioner and other subordinate health care personnel. The work is performed under the general supervision of higher level Health Department administrative staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Takes, records, reviews and interprets the medical and social history of patients;
Performs physical examinations of patients using customary testing procedures and equipment;
Performs and interprets laboratory tests and procedures in the clinic;
Makes assessments of patients' clinical problems and initiates appropriate management including medication and follow-up according to Medical Guidelines and Protocols;
Interprets findings and diagnosis to patient and provides counseling and advice on methods of treatment, control and prevention and answers patients' questions;
Provides clinical supervision of subordinate Nurse Practitioners and other health care staff in a clinic setting;
Review cases with physician to discuss findings and devise a plan of patient care covering both medical and nursing aspects of cases;
Participates in staff meetings to discuss specific patient problems and changes in policies and procedures in order to maintain staff communication and cooperation in finding solutions and assuming high quality care;
Assists in planning and evaluating clinic programs, policies and procedures;
Orients new professional clinic staff; Carries out health education and prevention programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of nursing theories, principles, practices and techniques;
Thorough knowledge of medical principles and practices as they relate to the role of a Nurse Practitioner;
Good knowledge of the procedures and equipment used in physical examinations;
Skill in clinical assessment, treatment and follow-up care of health problems;
Ability to provide clinical supervision of Public Health Nurse Practitioners and other subordinate health care personnel;

Ability to assist in planning and evaluating clinic programs, policies and procedures;
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;
Ability to establish and maintain good relationships with others;
Ability to maintain records and prepare reports;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Certification from the New York State Education Department as a Nurse Practitioner and either:

- A) A Master's Degree in nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university and one year of experience as a nurse clinician, nurse practitioner, nursing supervisor or nursing teacher; OR
- B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in nursing and two years of experience described in A) above.