

## **SENIOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves the performance of skilled nursing services in the Health Department. The position is distinguished from that of Registered Professional Nurse by the assignment of more difficult cases and increased responsibility for making initial patient assessments and amending patient care plans under general supervision. Depending upon work location, duties include rendering care in the patient's home or in a clinic, working the day, evening or night shifts, weekends, and holidays and on call. General supervision is received from a Supervising Public Health Nurse or other higher level personnel. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses, Home Health Aides, Medical Assistants and other auxiliary nursing personnel. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Makes initial assessments of patient's health care needs at home or in clinical setting;  
Provides skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients and demonstrates nursing care to patients and families;  
Based on observations and analysis of records, revises the nursing care plan as needed in consultation with supervisor;  
Administers immunizations, skin tests, medications, etc. ;  
Confers with physicians, nutritionists, physical therapists, social workers and other professionals concerned with individual and family health care;  
Instructs patient or family members in regard to patient's diet, health habits, carrying out of treatments at home and rehabilitative measures as authorized by the physician;  
Performs diagnosis and develops tests;  
Makes contacts with appropriate community agencies as necessary to ensure patient needed services;  
Maintains agency and nursing care records and reports;  
Obtains specimens for various tests;  
Participates in community activities related to nursing and health;  
Attends staff meetings and in-service training sessions;  
Assists in planning health care activities promoting community health education and awareness;  
Provides follow-up on patients with special condition and contact appropriate Social Services or health agencies.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of nursing principles and techniques;  
Working knowledge of community agencies available to provide assistance to the ill and infirmed;  
Skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care;  
Ability to assess and coordinate nursing care for individuals and families and to supervise auxiliary nursing personnel assigned to assist with this care;

Ability to perform duties in accordance with American Nurses Association Code for Professional Nurses;  
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;  
Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships;  
Empathy;  
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Completion of a course of study approved by the New York State Education Department as qualifying for Registered Professional Nurse; licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State, and two years of experience as a Registered Professional Nurse.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of an appropriate level New York State Class V Operator's license.