

Civil Division: Oneida County Government
Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive
EEO Category: Technicians
Revised: 05/02/11

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Employees in this class perform professional nursing duties in the care of physically or mentally ill patients in private homes, schools, clinics and the skilled nursing facility. Responsibilities include the performance of diversified nursing duties in accordance with professional practices, special orders from physicians, and established rules and regulations. General supervision is exercised over subprofessional and clerical employees. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Prepares and applies dressings, and gives medication and nursing treatment as prescribed by physicians such as hypodermic injections, heat treatments, etc.;

Provides direct patient care to physically or mentally ill patients in private homes, schools and clinics;

Ensures, in accordance with directions issued by supervisor, that proper care is given to patients and their quarters, including the lifting and moving of patients, the giving of baths and rubs, changing linen, keeping order and caring for personal effects;

Observes symptoms and carries out diagnostic procedures ordered by the physician;

Carries out therapeutic treatments as ordered by the physician, including the giving of medication;

Counsels patients on available methods of birth control and on abortions and prenatal care;

Instructs patients or members of the patients' family in regard to patients' diet, health habits and carrying out of treatments at home;

Processes records allied with the admission and discharge of patients;

Writes reports at conclusion of shift and gives oral reports to changing shift, or does necessary office work for assigned cases;

Makes contacts through established procedures with appropriate welfare or health agencies to assure patient needed service or follow-up care;

Provides nursing services at health clinics and schools;

Performs related services for patients in the prevention of illness and the attainment of maximum health.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques in their relation to surgical and medical practice; good knowledge of materials, medications, sanitation, personal hygiene and dietetics; skill in the application of nursing techniques and practices; ability to carry out successfully the therapeutic measures prescribed; ability to follow technical oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with patients, physicians and other persons; ability to instruct patients in public health practices; sympathetic attitude toward the sick.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a current valid license to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State at time of appointment. This license must be maintained throughout appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of an appropriate level, valid Driver's License at time of appointment. This license must be maintained throughout appointment.

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