

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs professional nursing services in the care and treatment of patients; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional nursing position involving responsibility for coordinating individual patient care and for performing nursing services requiring substantial specialized judgment and skills. Work is performed under the general direction 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.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

Assesses patient nursing care needs and prepares and carries out a nursing care plan;

Supervises sub-professional nursing personnel;

Is responsible for the care of patients and their quarters, including making beds, changing linens, keeping order, lifting and moving patients, giving baths and rubs, and caring for personal effects;

Is responsible for observing symptoms and carrying out diagnostic procedures ordered by the physician;

Prepares and applies dressings, gives medication and nursing and therapeutic treatment as prescribed by physicians;

Instructs patient or members of patient's family in regard to patient's diet, health habits, the carrying out of treatments at home and rehabilitative measures as authorized by the physician;

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

Makes contacts with appropriate social services or health agencies as necessary to assure patient needed service or follow-up care;

Maintains a variety of records and prepares reports;

May assist in incidental cleaning and laundry, distributing meals, resident feeding, and resident transportation, as needed.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices and skill in their application; working knowledge of materia medica, hospital dietetics, sanitation, and personal hygiene; skill in the application of nursing techniques and 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 carry out successfully the therapeutic measures prescribed; ability to plan and supervise the work of sub-professional and non-technical personnel; good observation; mental alertness; firmness; initiative; cheerfulness; patience; emotional stability; sympathetic attitude toward the sick; good moral character; 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 a license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse. Possession of the license at the time of appointment.

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CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive