

## **REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This work involves responsibility to provide professional nursing services to patients/clients throughout the county. The work is performed under supervision of a higher level nurse, administrator or physician in accordance with the prescribed nursing care plan. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses, student nurses or various aides. Does related work, as required and assigned.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Assesses nursing care needs and prepares, implements and evaluates the nursing care plan;

Performs approximately 18-20 client visits per week;

Serves as a Case Manager for a caseload of clients dependent on program and as prescribed by a Public Health, Community Health, Supervising Community Health, or Supervising Public Health Nurse;

Works with the client's physician formulating a plan of care directed at meeting the client's medical, psychosocial and safety needs;

Makes referrals to other disciplines programs, agencies or county entities directed at facilitation the maximization of client health/independence;

Carries out therapeutic treatments as ordered by the physician;

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;

Provides on-going monitoring and assessment for changes in client status requiring revisions of the care plan, obtains physicians order and makes referrals as needed;

Completes required Medicare, Medicaid, Third party payer documentation (CHHA & LTHHCP clients);

Participates in quality assurance, continuing education and other activities as requested;

Maintains client records;

Works as a team member in promoting excellence in nursing standards.

The above examples of duties are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND/OR PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical practices; working knowledge of dietetics, sanitation and personal hygiene; skill in the application of nursing techniques and practices; ability to case manage a group of clients; ability to understand and follow technical, oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with patients, families and others; ability to carry out successfully the measures prescribed; ability to plan and supervise the work of sub-professional and non-technical personnel; good observation; mental alertness; initiative; patience; emotional stability, physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable

accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, bend, stoop, pull and push, use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to walk, stand for long periods of time, talk and hear.

The noise level in the work environment is moderately quiet.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of a valid license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.

**NOTE:** Maintenance of license is required for continued employment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT IN POSITIONS WHERE REQUIRED:** Possession of a valid NYS Drivers license.

All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Non-Competitive Class

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