

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

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. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Assesses patient nursing care needs and prepares and carries out a nursing care plan;
- Supervises subprofessional 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 dressing, 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 services or follow-up care;
- Maintains a variety of records and prepares reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

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 subprofessional 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:

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.

Non-Competitive Class