

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The duties of this class are performed by a nurse who plans, provides, directs, and evaluates nursing care in a variety of settings and offers instruction and guidance in health practices for individuals and families. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Supervising Community Health Nurse. General supervision may be exercised over Health Care Aides and other staff assigned to carry out health care plans. A Community Health Nurse does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Plans a program of nursing care and treatment as directed by the patient's physician;
- Evaluates patients for home care and/or clinic services;
- Provides nursing services in homes, clinics, schools, and other community facilities;
- Participates in the conduct of surveys, studies, and investigations related to health matters;
- Coordinates plans for services with nutritionists, social workers, physical therapists, physicians, and other professional workers concerned with individual and family health care;
- Interviews and obtains histories in order to assess client needs for clinic services;
- Prepares reports and maintains records relating to patient care in compliance with Federal, State, and local guidelines;
- Provides skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients;
- Counsels and guides individuals and families toward self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional, and environmental health problems;
- Assists in the evaluation of agency programs and policies.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of acceptable standards of practice for registered nurses; good knowledge of communicable disease control; good knowledge and understanding of the behavior of individuals throughout the normal life span; working knowledge in normal growth and development; skill in the application of nursing care in accordance with acceptable standards of practice; ability to provide health education to reduce health risk behavior; tact; good judgement; emotional stability, initiative, and resourcefulness; good health, physically and mentally, which allows for the performance of the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license and current certification to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State and either:

A.) Possession of a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, or a health or human services field;

OR

B.) Two (2) years of experience as a Registered Nurse in home care nursing.

(Minimum qualifications pursuant to Title 10 NYCRR, Part 702 (b)(19) §700.2 and §763.13(b)).

NOTE: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the New York State Civil Service website. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT: Possess and maintain a valid license to drive in New York State.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE

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