

MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional nursing position involving responsibility for providing medical nursing support activities in the Ulster County Mental Health Department. The work is performed under the general direction of a supervisory staff member. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of an employee in this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Assists the Physician in physical, and visual screening examinations of patients;

Administers emergency medical treatment to patients;

Prepares and maintains health records;

Administers medication under the direction of a physician;

Participates in crisis intervention;

Visits incarcerated, hospitalized or home bound clients as directed;

Assists in the inventory and storage of facility pharmaceutical supplies;

Consults with staff members concerning a variety of health factors related to patients condition;

Prepares records and reports as required;

May temporarily assume the non-supervisory responsibilities of a Senior Mental Health Nurse in his/ her absence.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical practices and skill in their application; ability to understand and follow technical, oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with others; ability to carry out successfully the measures prescribed; sound professional judgment; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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

ULSTER COUNTY
4320 MH NURSE
Classification: Non-Competitive
Grade: 14
Union: CSEA

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