

REGISTERED NURSE (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class provides professional nursing care and instruction to clients of the Ulster County Health Department. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Supervising Public Health Nurse or other designated supervisory personnel. Assignments are received in the form of patient care plans from Public Health Nurses; or on occasion, in the form of referrals from physicians, family members, hospitals, the patient or other community agencies. Within each assignment, leeway is allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in technical details. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Home Health Aide or students. 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 may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Provides skilled nursing care to patients in their homes as specified in the nursing care plan;

Provides guidance, instruction and demonstrations in health principles and nursing procedures to patients and their families so they may be better able to care for themselves;

Provides nursing services to clients at community clinics and on a walk-in basis;

Attends conferences where the health status and needs of patients are discussed with representatives of other disciplines and with other nursing personnel;

Advises patients' physicians and supervisory nursing personnel on significant findings and observations concerning the patient's health;

Refers patients for additional services and follow up on referrals to be sure that proper care has been delivered;

Coordinates patient care with other service providers;

Provides training, instruction and demonstrations in public health nursing procedures and techniques to subordinates;

Participates in epidemiological investigations and other studies and surveys as needed;

Compiles and uses records, reports and statistical information for evaluation and planning of the assigned program;

Performs various types of specialized tests and procedures in hematology;

Obtains accurate heights and weights of clients;

Keeps abreast of latest developments in the public health nursing field by attending classes and through independent reading and study;

Prepares correspondence and written reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the current principles, practices and techniques of public health nursing; working knowledge of community resources available to patients and of the administrative organization of community facilities; skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to coordinate nursing care for individuals, families and groups; ability to train and supervise auxiliary personnel; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships and function effectively as a member of a treatment team; ability to accept and utilize professional guidance and to follow oral and written directions; ability to prepare reports and correspondence; ability to keep clear and accurate records; ability to perform duties in accordance with the ANA Code for professional nurses; ability to communicate effectively; sound professional judgment; accuracy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license, and current registration, issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.

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