

## **REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves the responsibility for assessing the needs of clients for personal care and developing a plan of care. Incumbents are responsible for planning and preparing a nursing care plan to be followed out by contracted Home Health Care Agencies. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee allowing for wide latitude in making professional judgements as they pertain to nursing care. 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.

Assesses client's nursing care needs and prepares a plan of care accordingly;

Travels to client residences in order to assess home health nursing care needs;

Confers with client and family when appropriate in the overall planning of nursing care;

Coordinates client care with contracted Home Health Care agencies;

Works closely with other staff in carrying out service plans;

Keeps informed of latest developments in the home health nursing field;

Advises physicians and related health care personnel on significant findings and observations concerning the client's health;

Instructs clients and their families in proper care including diet, health treatments and rehabilitation as may be authorized by physicians;

Maintains a variety of records and prepares reports and correspondence;

Participates in defining, maintaining and interpreting standards of nursing practices and procedures;

Maintains professional competence through participation in in-service training.

**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 medical material, 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 clients, physicians and others; ability to carry out successfully the therapeutic measures prescribed; ability to plan and supervise the work of sub-professional and non-technical personnel.

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

ULSTER COUNTY

5500 RPN

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Union: CSEA

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