

GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The Graduate Professional Nurse is used to recruit to the nursing field nurses who are eligible to be Registered Professional Nurses upon successful completion of the State Boards. Work performed is that of a Registered Professional nurse except that their assignments are done under the direction of a Registered Professional Nurse. Persons appointed as a Graduate Professional Nurse will be advanced to Registered Professional Nurse without further examination upon receipt of their RN license. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Prepares and applies dressings, and gives medication and nursing treatment as prescribed by physicians; Is responsible for the care of patients and their quarters, including making beds, changing linens, keeping order, preparing and serving trays, 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; Carries out therapeutic treatments as ordered by the physician, including the giving of medications; 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; Makes contacts with appropriate welfare or health agencies as necessary to assure the patient needed service or follow-up care; Performs related services for patients in the prevention of illness and the attainment of maximum health.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices; good knowledge of materia medica, sanitation, personal hygiene and dietetics; skill in the application of nursing techniques and practices; ability to follow technical oral and written instruction; ability to keep records and reports; ability to get along well with patients, physicians, and others; good observation; mental alertness; firmness; cheerfulness; patience; emotional stability; sympathetic attitude toward the sick; good moral character; excellent physical and mental health, ability to carry out successfully the therapeutic measures prescribed.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (1) Graduation from a school of nursing registered by the State Education Department from a course approved by such department as qualifying for registered professional nurse, and (2) graduation from high school; or (3) any equivalent combination of experience training.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Eligibility to apply for examination for a license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse.

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