

HOME HEALTH AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is routine work involving the personal care of patients in the normal activities of daily living at their place of residence. The work is designed to allow incapacitated patients the opportunity of remaining at home rather than requiring institutionalization. Employees in this class will be required to complete a basic training program in home health care under the guidance and direction of a Public Health Nurse and/or other appropriate Health Personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Bathes patient and gives personal hygienic care; Helps patient to the bathroom and in the use of bed pan; Assists patient in performing exercises prescribed by appropriate professional personnel; May assist patient in taking self-administered medication, prescribed by a physician; Makes beds and performs other tasks to provide a suitable environment for patient; Plans and prepare meals for patient and may do marketing; Cleans, dusts, washes dishes and performs a variety of other light housekeeping tasks, essential to patient health care; Cares for patient's clothing, including light washing, ironing and mending.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Ability to understand and carry out non-technical oral and written directions; Mental alertness; emotional and mental maturity; Sympathetic attitude in caring for the sick; Ability to get along well with others and gain cooperation of the patient; Dependability; Neat appearance; Good physical condition.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Certification by New York State as a Home Health Aide.

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