
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision performs public health nursing activities involving responsibility for assessment of health needs and developing the plan of care for individuals and families. The work is distinguished by the responsibility of the incumbent for initial implementation of nursing care plans and providing nursing care. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Gives skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients in their homes and clinics and demonstrates nursing care to patients and families; May lead a team of peers and subordinates providing nursing care and evaluates the effectiveness of team activities; May provide for the continuity of care by promoting referrals to other community agencies; Coordinates plans for service with nutritionists, social workers, physical therapists, physicians and other professional workers concerned with individual and family health care; Counsels and guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems; Provides nursing services in clinics and schools as assigned; Teaches classes, addresses groups, and participates in community planning related to nursing and health. Coordinate investigation, follow up, reporting and education of communicable and vaccine preventable diseases; Screens and provides education on the lead poisoning prevention program; Acts as HIV coordinator.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of current nursing practice; Thorough knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; Working knowledge of the administrative organization of community facilities; skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care as well as the nursing process; Ability to plan and coordinate nursing care for individuals, families and groups; Ability to communicate effectively; Ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; Ability to accept and utilize guidance; Ability to perform duties in accordance with ANA Code for Professional Nurses; Acceptable physical and mental health to carry out the responsibilities of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State, and either:

- A. Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a bachelor's degree in a health or human services field; AND
- B. Two years of experience in public health/home care; OR
- C. Bachelor's degree in any other field and 4 years experience in public health/home care

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