

NURSE PRACTITIONER (SCHOOL)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: In collaboration with a physician preceptor the incumbent provides health care services including promotion and maintenance of wellness, screening and management of illness, patient education, communication/patient advocacy/case management, in an Expanded School Health Center. The nurse practitioner works closely with a school nurse(s) in order to provide coordinated, quality health services for the students of the school district. An incumbent exercises independent judgement and initiative in the performance of duties. Supervision may be exercised over others. Does related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Performs complete student health assessments including histories and physical exams in accordance with a predetermined district schedule, and as required for sports participation, working papers, and college entrance; Performs assessments including history and physical examinations as appropriate to student health complaint; Plans and implements nursing intervention and/or selects medical intervention using established standards, protocols, and as indicated, with physician consultation; Provides patient education relating to illness and self-care, maintenance of health, and achieving an optimal level of well-being; Uses decision-making and problem solving skills to make determination of need for consultation, and/or referral of student; Works with students and/or their families to establish health goals and to establish contact with community resources, i.e. social services, mental health, etc.; Serves as a primary resource for management of the total student's health related needs; Provides pre-employment and employment health services as required; Performs laboratory tests approved for the Expanded School Health Clinic and maintains a proficiency testing program; Ensures that all pertinent and necessary patient care information is documented in students' medical records including referrals, consultation, etc.; Provides the health care professional, to whom the student is being referred, adequate information and findings relative to the students condition and situation; Addresses classes on health related topics; Arranges for and/or conducts screening sessions as required; Arranges for teaching sessions and addresses classes on health related topics; Assists in the budgeting/financial/statistical reporting processes; Maintains professional competency and is current on advances and changes in primary care practice by attending appropriate continuing education programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of health principles, practices and techniques; Thorough knowledge of physical examination and diagnosis procedures, equipment and skill in performing such examinations and procedures; Good knowledge of the current developments, literature and sources of information in the field of health services specifically as applied to health care in a school system; Ability to establish and maintain good public and inter-personal relations; Ability to prepare oral and written reports; Tact; Dependability; Initiative; Confidentiality; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A current New York State License as a Registered Professional Nurse and current certification as a family nurse practitioner or other primary care nurse practitioner in New York State and one year experience as a primary care provider in a supervised setting.

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