

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: DECEMBER 5, 2013

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Performs skilled and semi-skilled nursing duties in the care of patients within the home, a school, a clinic or institution. This is a professional nursing position requiring a high degree of competence and tact. Under the general supervision of a Nurse of higher rank, assesses and provides skilled and semi-skilled nursing care where needed. Work is performed under guidance of Public Health Nurses and is reviewed through conference, coordinated care and evaluation of reports. May supervise technical or non-professional nursing personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Provides professional nursing care for individuals in their homes, in schools, in clinics or other institutions;
2. May teach nursing care to families in their homes;
3. Coordinates service with other disciplines concerned with individual and family health care;
4. May counsel individuals and families in maintaining good health through use of proper diets, rehabilitative procedures, immunizations and proper personal care;
5. If required may teach and/or assist teaching classes, address groups, and participate in community planning related to nursing and health;
6. If required, may participate in conduct of surveys and studies related to health matters;
7. May perform preliminary physical examinations including blood pressure, urinalysis and blood sampling;
8. May transport test samples to clinic or laboratory as needed;
9. Performs necessary office work for assigned cases including maintenance of records and preparation of reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of principles, procedures, and techniques of professional nursing; good knowledge of principles and procedures of public health nursing; good knowledge of and understanding of human behavior; working knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; working knowledge of the administrative organization of public health and social services within the community; skill in application of nursing techniques; ability to instruct patients and families in public health practices; ability to maintain good relationships with patients of varied backgrounds; tact; good judgment; emotionally mature; initiative and resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from an accredited school of professional nursing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

1. License and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.
2. Possession of a valid New York State Driver's license or otherwise demonstrate their ability to meet the transportation needs of the job.