

## **REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Actively involved in the planning, development, provision and evaluation of public health programs designed to prevent disease and improve the health of individuals, families, specific populations, high risk groups and/or communities. Performs professional nursing services as required in the care of physically or mentally ill patients. The work is performed in accordance with professional practices, special orders from physicians, and established rules and regulations. General assignments are usually received from a registered professional nurse responsible for assigning and supervising the work of the professional nursing staff. Assignments concerning patient care are usually given directly by a physician. Work is performed under the general supervision of supervisory or administrative staff. Registered professional nurses are expected to perform routine duties without detailed instructions. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate staff. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only) May provide for the continuity of care by promoting referrals to other community agencies; Guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional, and environmental health problems; If employed at Public Health, performs population health activities in clinics, schools, and other community based settings, including providing community-based information and education, and participating in community planning related to health; Conducts investigation, follow up, reporting, and education of communicable and vaccine-preventable diseases; Prepares and applies dressings, gives medication and nursing treatment as prescribed by physicians; Responsible for observing symptoms and carrying out diagnostic procedures ordered by the physician; Carries out therapeutic treatments as ordered by the physician; Performs related services for patients in the prevention of illness and the attainment of maximum health; Provides health guidance and education in the home; Immunizations; TB screening and Education in clinical settings; Responds to other public health needs as required.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Good knowledge and skill in current nursing principles and procedures, techniques, and their relation to medical 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 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 of Professional Nurses; Ability to keep records and reports; Good observation; Mental alertness; Good moral character; Ability to carry out prescribed measures; Physical and Mental condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** 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.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Eligibility for State of New York license to practice as a registered professional nurse and possession of the license at the time of appointment and maintained throughout employment. CPR Certification on appointment and maintained during employment. Must have a valid NYS Driver's License and maintained throughout employment.

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