

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves the routine care of residents and/or clients in accordance with detailed and well-defined rules and regulations. In addition, a Licensed Practical Nurse assists a Registered Professional Nurse in the carrying out of orders prescribed by a physician. The work requires understanding of and skill in routine nursing practices. Assignments concerning resident and/or client care are given specifically and supervised closely by a Registered Professional Nurse or a physician. An employee in this class may exercise some supervision over a number of Certified Nurse Aides and other support staff. A Licensed Practical Nurse does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Bathes residents and/or clients and gives personal hygienic care;
- Makes beds and performs other tasks designed to provide suitable environmental for residents and /or clients;
- Cares for equipment used in care of residents and/or clients as directed;
- Assists in the admission and discharge of residents and/or clients;
- Takes the temperature, notes the rate of pulse and respiration and observes and records other signs and symptoms as directed;
- Collects specimens and assists in carrying out diagnostic procedures under supervision;
- Caries out therapeutic treatments, such as, giving enemas, preparing and applying simple dressings and administering medications upon order of the physician or a Registered Professional Nurse.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of nursing techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices; working knowledge of nursing facilities sanitation and hygiene; ability to apply therapeutic treatments as prescribed; ability to understand and carry out exactly detailed oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along with residents and others; good moral character; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: At time of appointment must possess a valid license and current registration to practice as a Practical Nurse in New York State.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE

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