

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

(Community Health Services)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The duties of this class are performed by a nurse who provides nursing care in a variety of settings and offers guidance in health practices for individuals and families. The work is performed under general supervision. General supervision may be exercised over Health Care Aides and staff assigned to carry out health care plans. A Registered Professional Nurse (Community Health Services) does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Plans a program of nursing care and treatment on a patient-by-patient basis;
- Evaluates the conduct of plans of nursing care which are to be carried out;
- Provides nursing services in homes, clinics, schools, and other community facilities;
- Participates in the conduct of surveys, studies, and investigations related to health matters;
- Coordinates plans for services with nutritionists, social workers, physical therapists, physicians, and other professional workers concerned with individual and family health care;
- Interviews and obtains histories in order to assess client needs for clinic services;
- Prepares reports and maintains records relating to patients and health care planning;
- May give skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients;
- Guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional, and environmental health problems;
- May assist in the evaluation of agency programs and policies;
- May work on a schedule to insure emergency and weekend nursing care.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles and methods of nursing; working knowledge of the epidemiological approach to the prevention and control of disease; working knowledge of the organization of public health and other social services within the community; working knowledge and understanding of the behavior of individuals throughout the normal life span; skill in the application of nursing techniques; ability to instruct patients in public health practices; ability to establish and maintain effective relationships with patients of various educational, economic, and cultural backgrounds; ability to operate a motor vehicle when such is required; tact; good judgement; emotional stability, initiative, and resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT: Possession of a New York State Driver's License.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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