

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE

LOCATION: Tioga County Public Health Department
CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive
SALARY: CSEA - Grade XIV (per Reso 136-01)
ADOPTED: Revised 3/01; 5/03, Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility to provide professional nursing services to patients/clients throughout the county. The work is performed under supervision of a higher level nurse, administrator or physician in accordance with a prescribed nursing care plan. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Licensed Practical Nurses, student nurses or various aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Assesses patient nursing care needs and prepares, implements and evaluates the nursing care plan;
- Performs approximately 18-20 client visits per week;
- Serves as Case Manager for a caseload of clients dependent on program and as prescribed by a Public Health, Community Health, Supervising Community Health, or Supervising Public Health Nurse;
- Works with the client's physician formulating a plan of care directed at meeting the client's medical, psychosocial and safety needs;
- Makes referrals to other disciplines programs, agencies or county entities directed at facilitating the maximization of client health/independence;
- Carries out therapeutic treatments as ordered by the physician;
- Instructs patient or members of patient's family in regard to patient's diet, health habits, the carrying out of treatments at home, and rehabilitative measures as authorized by the physician;
- Provides on-going monitoring and assessment for changes in client status requiring revisions of the care plan, obtains physicians orders and makes referrals as needed;
- Completes required Medicare, Medicaid, Third party payer documentation (CHHA & LTHHCP clients);
- Participates in quality assurance, continuing education and other activities as requested;
- Maintains client records.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical practices; working knowledge of dietetics, sanitation and personal hygiene; skill in the application of nursing techniques and practices; ability to case manage a group of clients; ability to understand and follow technical, oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with patients, families and others; ability to carry out successfully the measures prescribed; ability to plan and supervise the work of sub-professional and non-technical personnel; good observation; mental alertness; initiative; patience, emotional stability, physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Most assignments made to employees in this class will require reasonable and consistent access to transportation to meet fieldwork requirements made in the ordinary course of business in a timely and efficient manner. A valid driver's license may be required.