

## FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under nursing administration and in clinical collaboration with a physician, incumbents of this class provide comprehensive primary care in the areas of child health care, immunization, care of children and adults with tuberculosis and adolescent and adult sexual health care, and the prevention or control of communicable diseases. This position includes health education, preventive medicine, communicable diseases, education, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Incumbents provide primary medical care consisting of the necessary examinations, assessments, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Supervision may be a function of this class, and instructional guidance is provided to nursing and other health care professionals in the area of expertise. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Records, reviews and interprets medical and social history of patients;

Performs basic physical examinations, including breast and pelvic examinations and developmental tests;

Provides comprehensive health assessment, diagnosis, treatment, or referral services to individuals and families;

Evaluates the physical and psychosocial development of adults and families;

Recognizes abnormalities on physical exams;

Requests and evaluates diagnostic studies as indicated by the patient's physical status and protocols;

Obtains materials for appropriate laboratory analysis and carries out selected laboratory procedures;

Implements treatment regimen based on clinical evaluation and under the official protocols;

Prepares patients for examination, treatment, and study by physicians or other health care personnel, including assistant with procedures such as injections, venipunctures, etc. in accordance with policies and regulations;

Administers immunizations and medication as required;

Works in collaboration with physicians to establish and implement prevention and treatment programs;

Interviews and examines patients at appropriate intervals and revises medication if necessary;

Acts as a resource person to nursing staff and assists with their guidance and training in the area of childhood and adult immunization, adolescent and adult sexual health care, pediatric and adult tuberculosis care and the prevention or control of communicable diseases;

Collaborates with the other members of the health team to promote increased quality and efficiency of patient care.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Continued)

Maintains and improves professional competence through participation in professional activities and continuing education;

May access protected health information (PHI) in accordance with departmental assignments and guidelines defining levels of access (i.e. incidental vs. extensive);

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments;

May perform other incidental tasks, as needed.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES:

Thorough knowledge of current nursing principles, practices and techniques; thorough knowledge of the New York State Nurse Practice Act as it applies to the Family Nurse Practitioner; thorough knowledge of medical principles and practices as they apply to the role of the pediatric and adult nurse practitioner; ability to share significant primary health care responsibilities with physicians; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; ability to exercise leadership; ability to communicate effectively; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; ability to use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, e-mail and database software; thoroughness; sound professional judgment; physical condition commensurate with the requirements of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of a valid license and current registration issued by the New York State Education Department as a Registered Professional Nurse, a Bachelor's degree in nursing and a Master's degree in a nursing specialty, and two years of professional nursing experience with prescription writing privileges.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At time of appointment must be in possession of a current certification as a Nurse Practitioner issued by the New York State Education Department, and of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New York.

\*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution. In addition, the above stated degree in Nursing must be from an accredited program certified by the New York State Board of Nursing, and the graduate must hold either a national or state certification.