

FAMILY PLANNING NURSE PRACTITIONER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under nursing administration and in clinical collaboration with a physician, provides comprehensive family planning health care to women, including education, examinations, assessments, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Supervision may be a function of this position, and consultative 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)

Takes and records or reviews and interprets the medical and social history of patients;

Performs basic physical examinations including breast and pelvic examinations and obtains materials for appropriate laboratory analysis;

Provides advice and counsel on family planning methods in cooperation with nursing and outreach staff;

Implements contraceptive regimen based on clinical and social evaluation and on the patient's choice of method, including fitting of diaphragms and inserting of intrauterine devices;

Recognizes abnormalities when encountered in examinations;

Works in collaboration with physicians to establish and implement a treatment regimen for minor gynecologic conditions and referring others appropriately;

Interviews and examines patients at appropriate intervals;

Collaborates with nursing and outreach staff in follow-up activities;

Acts as a resource person to nursing staff in the area of family planning and assists with their guidance and training in this discipline;

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

Participates in community education in the area of family planning.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of public health nursing principles, practices and techniques; thorough knowledge of medical principles and practices as they apply to the role of the Family Planning Nurse Practitioner; thorough knowledge of the New York State Nurse Practice Act as it applies to the Nurse Practitioner; ability to share significant health care responsibilities with the physician; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; ability to exercise leadership; ability to communicate effectively; good judgment; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a recognized college or university with either (a) a Bachelor's Degree* in Nursing and a Master's Degree* in a nursing specialty and completion of an approved Family Planning Nurse Practitioner or Woman's Care Nurse Practitioner course, and in addition, two years of professional nursing experience; or (b) a Bachelor's Degree* in Nursing or a Master's Degree* in Nursing and completion of an approved Family Planning Nurse Practitioner or Woman's Care Nurse Practitioner course, and in addition, three years of professional nursing experience; or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a valid license and current registration issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Nurse.
2. Possession of current certification as a Nurse Practitioner with prescription writing privileges issued by the New York State Education Department.
3. Possession 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 Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution. In addition, the above stated required degrees in Nursing must be from a school approved by the National League of Nursing; if from a non-approved school, must be supplemented to equate with an approved program.