LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the supervision of a Supervising Public Health nurse or other higher level nurse or health care professional, an incumbent of this class performs tasks and responsibilities within the framework of casefinding, health education, health teaching, health counseling and supportive and restorative care in accordance with New York State Education Law, Article 139, Sections 6900 to 6910 ("Nurse Practice Act"). An incumbent administers nursing care and procedures to assigned patients in accordance with a nursing care plan; implements a written medical regimen prescribed by a physician, administers medications, assesses patients, reports any significant changes, updates care plan, and provides teaching care and instruction to patients and their families with discharge planning. Supervision is not normally a function of this class. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Implements nursing/medical regimen for assigned patients including the distribution and administration of medications in accordance with written physician's orders; monitoring and reporting vital signs, and assessing and reporting unusual symptoms;

Carries out special technical procedures in accordance with written orders and using established procedures;

Safeguards patients from infection by using proper sterile techniques and infection control methods;

Maintains a safe and comfortable environment for assigned patients by assisting them with ambulation, personal hygiene and responding to daily physical, emotional and medical needs for optimum recovery;

Assists professional nursing staff in instructing patients and their families in carrying out care plans, and in contacting other facilities to meet discharge planning objectives;

Records patient's responses and reports results to appropriate members of the heath team in order to update and adjust the nursing care plan;

Participates in team conferences and nursing unit patient care reporting systems;

Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of current nursing techniques and procedures; skill in the operation of patient treatment and monitoring equipment such as blood pressure gauges, thermometer, stethoscope, CPR equipment, needles, syringes, suctions, catheters, tubings, ventilators, roto beds, stryker frames, bedscales, etc; ability to work under stress; ability to communicate effectively with patients, their families and other health professionals; sound professional judgment, flexibility.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Completion of an accredited course of training for Practical Nursing.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a valid license and current registration to practice as a Practical Nurse in New York State at time of appointment and throughout employment.
2. Access to transportation may be required to complete possible field work assignments in a timely and efficient manner.

PLEASE NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution accredited or recognized by the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education as a post secondary, degree-granting institution.

NOTE: Qualifications and requirements are in accordance with New York State Education Law, Article 139, Sections 6900 to 6910 ("Nurse Practice Act")