PHARMACIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional pharmacy work of a moderately complex nature involving a responsibility for the compounding and dispensing of medications in an institution or hospital in accordance with prescriptions issued by authorized medical practitioners. The work is performed under the supervision of higher-level pharmacist and/or hospital administrator. Work guidance (e.g. lead work) may be provided to a small number of pharmacy assistants. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:
Fills prescriptions for inpatients and various out-patient programs daily utilizing modified unit dose system according to prescriptions written by physicians, dentists and other authorized practitioners;
Completes and distributes medical and surgical requisitions for inpatient units;
Weighs, measures and mixes drugs and other medicinal compounds;
Orders, receives and maintains supply of drugs, chemicals and other pharmaceutical stock;
Maintains constant surveillance of stock to insure proper disposal of outdated, damaged and recalled drugs;
Maintains highly accurate records regarding drug distribution and use, inventory control and other related operations;
Prepares stock items whenever possible, such as silicone lotion, mouthwash, etc.;
May provide information concerning medications to health practitioners;
May prepare reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
Good knowledge of modern pharmaceutical principles and practices; good knowledge of federal and state laws and JCAH codes regulating pharmaceuticals and the dispensing thereof; good knowledge of methods and practices for receiving, storing, maintaining and issuing pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with others; ability to maintain accurate records and complete appropriate reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
A Bachelor's degree or higher in Pharmacy and either:

1. One (1) year of experience working as a Pharmacist in a health institution (e.g. hospital, skilled nursing facility or related), or
2. One (1) year of experience working as a Pharmacist that included regular use of the QSI computer system, or
3. An equivalent combination of #1 and #2, above.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a license issued by the State of New York Department of Education to practice as a Pharmacist.

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