

PRACTICAL NURSE (INSTITUTIONAL)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is nursing work which involves the routine care of patients in accordance with detailed and well-defined rules and regulations and assisting a registered professional nurse in the carrying out of orders prescribed by a physician. The work requires understanding of and skill in routine nursing practices but does not require the exercise of professional judgment. Assignments concerning patient care are given specifically and supervised by a registered professional nurse or a physician. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Assists with preparation, implementation and continuing evaluation of nursing care plans;
Observes, records and reports progress or any change in patient's condition;
Carries out uncomplicated therapeutic treatments such as complete bedside nursing care, preparing and applying simple dressings and administering certain medications;
Assists with the rehabilitation of patients in accordance with the nursing care plan, such as assisting the patient with ambulation, assisting the patient with normal range of joint motion, and applying the principles of good body mechanics and body alignment;
Maintains essential nursing care records and reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of current routine nursing practices, procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to maintain successful working relationships with patients and others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license issued by the State of New York to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: License to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) issued by the State of New York must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.