

REGISTERED NURSE (PSYCHIATRIC)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is specialized professional nursing work that involves responsibility for providing skilled medical and psychiatric nursing services to patients of clinics administered by the Department of Mental Health. The work is performed under the general direction of a Psychiatric Social Worker or Nurse Practitioner and in accordance with professional nursing standards and regulations. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Provides skilled medical and psychiatric nursing services to psychiatric patients served by clinics administered by the Department of Mental Health;
Gathers information (e.g., symptoms, ideation, behavioral and medical history, illnesses, etc.) in order to assess patients primarily at risk of suicide, homicide, or withdrawal from mood-altering substance abuse, and reports findings and provides recommendations regarding clinical needs, medical needs, community services, etc.;
Collaborates with professional mental health staff (e.g., psychiatric social workers, nurse practitioners, physicians) to develop treatment plans;
Meets with patients and their families to explain treatment plans, use of medications, potential side effects of medications, provide emotional support, etc.;
Participates in examinations and the treatment of patients, under the direction of a nurse practitioner or physician;
Prepares and administers medications, as prescribed by a nurse practitioner or physician;
Maintains a variety of records, including but not limited to those that document observations of patients, treatments, and medications;
Attends a variety of meetings, lectures, workshops, etc.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of nursing principles and practices and standards of care; good knowledge of the principles and practices of psychiatric nursing; good knowledge of prescription medications used in the treatment of psychiatric illnesses; good knowledge of professional terms and concepts pertinent to substance abuse; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to understand and interpret rules and policies applicable to psychiatric nursing; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with others, especially patients and their families.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse (RN), and two (2) years of professional psychiatric nursing experience in an accredited hospital or licensed mental health clinic or behavioral health treatment program.

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

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