

SUPERVISING NURSE PRACTITIONER (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional nursing work involving responsibility for overseeing and participating in psychiatric assessments, diagnosis and treatment determinations and the ongoing psychiatric care of patients with an emphasis on the inter-relationship of mental and physical health. The work is performed under the general direction of a Psychiatrist and in accordance with orders and protocol established by a physician, and supervision is provided to professional and technical staff. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Participates in the development and oversees the implementation of policies and procedures for individual patient assessment and care planning in order to ensure that patient needs and treatment goals are met;

Participates in the multi-disciplinary development of treatment plans;

Supervises staff engaged in clinic and/or program activities;

Reviews, interprets and assesses the medical history of psychiatric patients;

Evaluates patients based on prior history and implements psychiatric treatment plans;

Prescribes psychotropic medications to individuals in accordance with treatment plans and diagnoses, medical guidelines, and pertinent regulations;

Provides information and informs family members regarding treatment recommendations;

Provides medical consultation, supervision and training to nursing and other staff involved in delivering psychiatric treatment and support services;

Provides community mental health education to housing providers, residents of group homes and other community mental health providers regarding treatment issues and medications;

Provides direct nurse practitioner services to patients (e.g. physical examinations, counseling, referrals, follow up, etc.);

Acts as liaison with medical professionals in the development and implementation of protocols necessary to maintain standards of practice;

Acts as liaison with community providers and County departments to arrange for and coordinate services for individuals in treatment;

Interprets and implements new regulations applicable to mental health clients and to specific programs and psychiatric services;

Coordinates and oversees the day-to-day activities of clinics, as appropriate;

Monitors treatment provided to patients and ensures the provision of appropriate level of care is provided in a timely manner;

Monitors nursing work flow and makes necessary changes to meet clinical and regulatory requirements;

May attend conferences concerning psychiatric diagnosis and treatment plans, as assigned.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of nursing, especially as they pertain to a Nurse Practitioner; thorough knowledge of psychiatric nursing practices with respect to treatment of people with psychiatric conditions; thorough knowledge of the procedures and equipment used in physical examinations and psychiatric evaluations; thorough knowledge of prescription medications used in the treatment of psychiatric conditions; good knowledge of supervisory principles and practices; ability to apply nursing and psychiatric practices and techniques to patient care; ability to evaluate policies and procedures for the operation of a psychiatric clinic; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Master's degree in Nursing, and two (2) years of experience as a Nurse Practitioner in an accredited hospital, psychiatric or medical institution, at least one (1) year of which involved the supervision of other professionals as a major portion of the work.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

1. Licensure and current registration to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New York must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.
2. Licensure and current certification as a Nurse Practitioner issued by the State of New York must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.