

CLASS TITLE: **Nurse Practitioner**

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of a physician, the class provides primary health care to patients within an area of specialty; and performs related duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Interviews patients and conducts basic physical examinations to identify health problems; assesses data and determines health status of patients; subject to a physician's review, orders and interprets laboratory and diagnostic tests and procedures; diagnoses and treats common illnesses and injuries; develops and implements treatment plans; monitors patient's progress; prescribes and administers medications and drugs; refers patients for specialized attention where needed; confers with medical providers on cases with acute and chronic conditions; counsels and educates individuals on the prevention of illnesses and the promotion, restoration and maintenance of health.

RELATED DUTIES: Participates in staff development programs for professional nursing staff; develops course content for patient education in area of specialty; keeps abreast of current developments in patient care management, health care legislation, and community resources; initiates or participates in nursing and medical research programs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in Nursing with certification as a Nurse Practitioner in a specialized area is required. Must be licensed to practice as a Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Nurse.

Applicants must possess a valid State of Illinois Registered Nurse license at the time of employment.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Considerable knowledge of primary health care practice in an area of specialty. Considerable knowledge of advanced practice nursing standards and practices. Considerable knowledge of medical, therapeutic and corrective measures to treat illnesses and improve health status of patients. Considerable knowledge of prescription drugs and drug interactions.

Ability to interview patients and provide accurate assessment and treatment within area of specialty. Ability to develop effective treatment plans and manage patients with multiple medical problems. Ability to provide health care services to patients in accordance with advanced practice nursing practices.

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Skill in providing primary health care in area of assigned specialty.

Skill in the interpretation of diagnostic test results for the treatment and care of patients. Advanced nursing skills. Good interpersonal skills. Good oral and written communication skills.

Working Conditions. General health clinic or equivalent environment.

Equipment. Stethoscope, microscope, sphygmomanometer, otoscope, and related medical equipment used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

NOTE: While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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