

NURSE PRACTITIONER

DEFINITION

To perform specialized clinician and counseling duties related to patient care in clinics; and to perform related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from assigned supervisory and management personnel.

Exercises functional and technical supervision over clerical, technical and professional personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

Elicits and records a complete health and social history independent of supervision.

Performs basic comprehensive physical assessments using the techniques of observation, inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation.

Orders and interprets diagnostic procedures, as indicated with consultation of the physician as needed, e.g., laboratory tests, EKGs and x-rays.

Integrates information collected in the health history and physical examination into defined problem areas.

Orders, reviews and provides patient instructions regarding diet and activities and their modifications as appropriate.

Prescribes and administers medications as delineated by ORS 678.

Manages certain common, acute and chronic illnesses within the framework of accepted standards of practice.

Develops with the client and family a comprehensive health care plan and coordinates with the health care provided by the other professionals and agencies involved in providing services.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Provides health counseling and anticipatory guidance to the clients and families throughout the normal life cycle.

Maintains complete and reliable records of client care in an easily audited format.

Assists in the development of health care objectives and initiates action towards attaining these objectives.

Interprets the role of health care services to clients and the community.

Identifies teaching needs including group client needs; and implements programs to meet these.

Performs minor surgeries as delineated under specialty areas.

Provides educational services to the public, clients, patients and inmates concerning contraception, pregnancy, mental health and other issues.

Assesses mental status of patients and inmates.

Administers local anesthetic as delineated by specialty area.

Provides mental health assessment and therapy for individuals, families and/or groups.

Provides immediate emergency treatment as appropriate.

Performs necessary home, nursing home and hospital visits to provide continuity of care.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and techniques of providing clinical nursing to patients.

Laws, Rules and regulations governing the provision of care to patients in the State of Oregon.

Processes, procedures and theories of clinical assessment of physical and mental status of patients.

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Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and theory of clinical education of patients in the areas of contraceptive, prenatal and other clinical areas of care.

Documentation procedures for charting and reporting physical and mental status of patients.

Theories, practices and procedures of nursing.

Theory and practice of patient management and treatment within scope of certification.

Analytical tests and procedures used in clinical settings to determine the health status of patients.

Clinical and safety procedures in a correctional facility.

Pharmacology as applied to clinical nursing and the prescription of drugs as authorized within the Nurse Practitioner formulary and Oregon Revised Statute.

Ability to:

Assess and treat patients reporting health problems.

Conduct and report on physical exams and histories.

Provide referral to other health care practitioners or agencies.

Interpret results of analyses and tests and provide treatment modalities.

Manage a caseload of patients.

Develop treatment programs and plans for patients.

Diagnose diseases, ailments and illnesses.

Educate patients, clients and inmates on disease prevention, control and hygiene.

Direct the clinical activities of other health care personnel.

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Ability to:

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

Training:

Master's degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university, and completion of a Nurse Practitioner program specific to the expanded specialty role/category for which application is made.

The scope of practice of a Nurse Practitioner is incorporated into nine different specialty categories which include: Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP); Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM); College Health Nurse Practitioner (CHNP); Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP); Geriatric Nurse Practitioner (GNP); Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP); Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP); Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP); and Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (WHCNP).

Experience:

One year of responsible nurse practitioner experience.

An equivalent combination of experience and training that will demonstrate the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Special Requirements:

- Must possess State of Oregon Registered Nurse License, at the time of appointment.
- Must possess a current certificate to practice as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Oregon, in the specified specialty role/category.

Some positions may also require, at the time of appointment:

- Certificate granting full prescription authority
- Drug Enforcement Agency Certificate
- National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Possession of a valid driver's license at time of application and a valid Oregon Driver's License by the time of appointment if required to drive.
- Certification from a recognized national certification body.
- Basic Life Saving Skills CPR/AID.

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HR Director and with AFSCME's concurrence.