

## **CORRECTIONS HEALTH NURSE**

### DEFINITION

To provide nursing care, patient treatment, health care management and health education to inmates of the Lane County Correctional System; and to perform related duties as assigned.

### SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direction from assigned supervisory and management personnel.

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

Plans and directs clinics or special programs within a correctional setting.

Arranges or conducts health counseling or group meetings with inmates, inmate families and correctional staff.

Explains basic concepts of prevention of disease and promotion of mental and physical health to inmates and staff.

Assists inmates in understanding health needs and methods of meeting needs through referral to health resources upon release.

Participates in conferences with other disciplines and agencies to coordinate services and plan joint action.

Provides correctional health nursing services in special settings such as local hospitals and mental health programs; conducts communicable disease investigations and follow-up with the Health Department.

Prepares and dispenses or provides for the dispensing of appropriate medication within County Correctional Facilities.

Responds to emergency situations involving injury or illness and takes appropriate action.

Orders and accounts for medicine, medical appliances, first aid, medical supplies.

Takes samples of blood and other body substances for laboratory analysis from jail inmates.

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EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Provides consultative services to other sections of County Correctional facilities as well as to other agencies providing services to correctional clients.

Assesses physical needs and evaluates medical requirements of jail inmates.

Determines nature and severity of inmate injuries or diseases and treats when appropriate or refers to the licensed physician or nurse practitioner.

Trains facility staff in use of basic emergency procedures and equipment.

Compiles and maintains comprehensive medical records, logs and charts on inmates and insures proper flow of documentation.

Gives injections to patients and follows case to assess results of injections.

Works with other health care providers and institutions to provide appropriate medical care for inmates.

Reviews initial assessments of new book-ins to determine needs of new inmates and urgency of those needs.

Monitors detoxification from ETOH and drugs.

Monitors acute, chronic and convalescent care.

Detects, treats and follows-up on spread of communicable disease in the County Correctional facilities and provides educational services to assist in the prevention of diseases.

May provide mental health evaluations in the absence of a mental health specialist.

Assists physicians and other health care professionals in clinical procedures and examinations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and theory of nursing and its application in a correctional system.

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Knowledge of:

Laws, rules and regulations governing the provision of nursing care to inmates in a correctional system.

Medications used in the treatment of patients in a correctional system and the physiological effects of those medications.

Knowledge of:

Treatment plans for patients and proper nursing procedures for establishing such plans appropriate in a correctional setting.

Diagnostic tests and equipment used in the diagnosis of diseases and illnesses.

Community and national health standards and practices on health care in corrections.

Illnesses and diseases associated with public health and the treatments available for such diseases.

Program and clinic operations, policies and protocols.

Practices, principles and policies of health education.

Examination and assessment techniques used to analyze a variety of health problems including sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, tuberculosis, communicable diseases, mental illness and other public health problems.

Ability to:

Provide nursing care and treatment to inmates in a correctional system.

Administer, follow-up and monitor medications.

Establish, maintain and update charts, medical records and other documentation.

Determine the extent of injury and illness and provide appropriate treatment or refer the patient to the correct health care professional.

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Ability to:

Coordinate health care efforts with other individuals and institutions including treatment and transportation.

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

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Identify problems and generation of solutions within the scope of the department, division and program.

Provide educational services to inmates and correctional staff.

Determine needs of the inmates as applied to correctional health nursing services.

Examine inmates and assess their physical and psychological well being.

Experience and Training

Training:

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in a nursing program with course work in public health.

Experience:

Two years of responsible public health nursing, psychiatric nursing or emergency room nursing or Corrections health nursing experience.

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

Special Requirements:

Possession of a State of Oregon Registered Nurse license at the time of appointment.

Possession of a valid Oregon Driver's license.