

## **LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE**

Non-Competitive

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**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for assisting with the care of acutely ill patients and for providing nursing care and/or coordinating services for convalescent and chronically ill patients. Duties are performed under the general supervision of a Staff Nurse, Supervising Public Health Nurse or other professional staff. An incumbent may supervise auxiliary nursing staff such as aides and attendants. The incumbent does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative only)

Assists with preparation, implementation and continuing evaluation of a nursing care plan for individual patients;

Observes, records and reports progress or any change in patient's condition;

Carries out uncomplicated therapeutic treatments such as complete bedside nursing care, preparing and applying simple dressings and administering certain medications;

Participates in general health care of patients, including but not limited to assisting with cleanliness, grooming, nourishment and rest;

Assists with the rehabilitation of patients in accordance with the nursing care plan, such as assisting the patient with ambulation, assisting the patient with normal range of joint motion and applying the principles of good body mechanics and body alignment;

May process referral, coordinate services of Aides and process discharges;

An L.P.N. assigned to the Public Health Department may be responsible for coordinating services of Home Health Aides assigned to patient care and for review and documentation of clients billing status changes;

Participates in the development, revision and implementation of policies and procedures designed to insure comfort and safety of patients;

Maintains essential nursing care records and reports.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Working knowledge of current routine nursing practices; skill in the application of current practical nursing procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to organize; ability to communicate effectively; ability to get along well with patients and others; ability to accept and utilize guidance; flexibility; sound judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Completion of a course of study approved by the New York State Education Department as qualifying for Licensed Practical Nurse.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Possession of valid permit or license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.