

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

DEPARTMENT: Tioga Co. Public Health Department
CLASSIFICATION: Non-Competitive
SALARY GRADE: CSEA - Salary Grade VII
ADOPTED: 04/00; 03/10, Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for the routine care of patients in accordance with a detailed and well-defined patient care plan. Work is performed under the direct supervision of a Registered Professional Nurse. Assignments concerning patient care are given specifically with limited leeway allowed for exercise of independent judgment. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Carries out basic therapeutic treatments such as giving enemas, preparing and applying dressings and administering certain medications in accordance with establishing policy;
- Assists in the implementation of the nursing care plan;
- Takes the temperature, notes the rate of pulse and respiration and observes and records other signs and symptoms as directed;
- Collects specimens and assists in carrying out diagnostic procedures under supervision;
- Assists patients in performing ambulation exercises and maintaining proper joint motion;
- Cares for equipment used in care of patients as directed;
- Makes beds and performs other tasks designed to provide a suitable environment for patients;
- Bathes patients and gives personal hygiene care.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of nursing techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices; working knowledge of sanitation and hygiene; ability to carry out therapeutic treatments prescribed; ability to understand and carry out detailed oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with clients and others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Completion of a course of study approved by the State Department of Education as qualifying for Licensed Practical Nurse and current registration to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Many assignments made to employees in this class will require reasonable and consistent access to transportation to meet field work requirements made in the ordinary course of business in a timely and efficient manner.