

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

### NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled public health nursing work providing routine health maintenance care to clients in homes and clinics.

Work involves providing routine health maintenance care for clients based on physician's orders including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, bathing clients, assisting clients with range of motion exercises, administering injections, and caring for wounds. Work also involves discussing client progress with area Public Health Nurse who provides instructions based upon physician's orders and general medical direction regarding treatment methods utilized as well as duration of health care services; preparing clinic area for specified clinical health care services and assisting staff with clinical procedures; and maintaining appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status. Supervision is received from a Field Supervisor through a periodic review of client case load as well as effectiveness of routine nursing practices and techniques.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Provides routine health maintenance care for clients based on physician's orders including monitoring vital signs, obtaining specimens for laboratory analysis, bathing clients, assisting clients with range of motion exercises, administering injections, and caring for wounds.

Discusses client progress with area Public Health Nurse who provides instructions based on physician's orders and general medical direction regarding treatment methods utilized as well as duration of health care services.

Prepares clinic area for specified health care services and assists staff with clinical procedures.

Maintains appropriate client records reflecting treatment provided and client status.

Performs related work as required.

### DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Some knowledge of the principles and practices of practical nursing.

Some knowledge of the various types of medical equipment utilized in the delivery of practical nursing services.

Ability to maintain accurate records reflecting health care services provided and client status.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written medical instructions.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, clients, and the general public.

Skill in the use, operation, and maintenance of the various types of medical equipment utilized in the delivery of practical nursing services.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a school of practical nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

#### NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of a valid license to practice as a practical nurse in the State of Nebraska.

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary for the satisfactory performance of assigned duties as deemed necessary by the appointing authority.

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