

Specification for Class of

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 1

Abolished Effective June 1, 2005

Definition: Provides practical nursing services in a hospital, school or other treatment and care facility.

Typical Work

Attends to the general care of patients, provides for their emotional and physical comfort and safety and maintains an attractive and comfortable environment; gives assistance and guidance in cleanliness, grooming, rest, activities and nourishment;

Prepares and cares for patients receiving specialized treatments administered by the physician or the professional nurse; performs selected nursing procedures;

Cares for patients with communicable diseases including necessary sterilization and observation of aseptic techniques; preparation and aftercare of treatment and administration of oral, subcutaneous and intramuscular medications, under the supervision of the professional nurse;

Encourages and supervises patients in group or individual recreational, social or related activities;

Observes, records and reports the general condition of patient;

Promotes better understanding of hospital policies in contacts with patients' relatives;

Assists with the rehabilitation of patients according to the treatment plan;

Participates in in-service education programs;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: practical nursing principles, practices and methods.

Ability to: provide practical nursing care to psychiatric patients; treat individuals with respect, kindness and consideration; follow written and oral instructions.

Minimum Qualifications

Possession of a current Washington State license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

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