

Specification for Class of

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 2

**Abolished Effective June 1, 2005**

Definition: Under general supervision, as an experienced licensed practical nurse, provides practical nursing services in a hospital, school or other treatment 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;

May act for the supervisor or shift charge in his/her absence;

As a relief shift supervisor, assists in and directs the attendant staff of a ward or treatment unit; plans, oversees and evaluates work, trains and assists staff;

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, staff and treatment team conferences;

Performs related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: practical nursing principles, practices and methods; institution policies and procedures.

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 valid license to practice within the State of Washington.

AND

One year of experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

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