

Specification for Class of

MENTAL HEALTH LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 2

**Abolished Effective June 1, 2005**

Definition: Within a Division of Mental Health psychiatric treatment facility, provides practical nursing services for mentally ill patients.

Typical Work

Provides care to assigned patients utilizing the current treatment plan;

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 directed 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 medications, except I.V. medications;

Administration of oral, subcutaneous and intramuscular, rectal medications, under the supervision of the professional nurse;

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

Observes, records, and reports the general condition of patients;

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

Participates in in-service education program;

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.

New class: 5-28-86

Revised minimum qualifications: 3-15-91

Title change (formerly Mental Health Technician 2B): 5-15-92

Revised minimum qualifications: 1-13-95