

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 1

KIND OF WORK

Entry-level practical nursing work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Employees in this class perform entry-level Practical Nurse duties in the care of mentally ill, physically ill, mentally retarded or geriatric patients. Work is done according to established rules and procedures with supervision of nursing techniques from Registered Nurses in charge of wards or other units.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Takes temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure readings.

Administers and records prescribed medication.

Keeps clinical charts and reports on the physical and emotional state of patients.

Promotes and participates in rehabilitation activities.

Provides unit supervision in the absence of the charge nurse.

Maintains a clean and hazard-free environment on the ward.

Promotes patients' personal hygiene.

May regulate parenteral fluids and administer intermuscular injection.

Administers emergency first aid.

Orders supplies and equipment.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Considerable knowledge of practical nursing practices and techniques.

Working knowledge of mental illnesses and retardation, chemical dependency and geriatrics.

Considerable knowledge of hospital dietetics, sanitation and personal hygiene.

Ability to:

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to check progress of patients and to recognize any significant changes in their symptoms.

Ability to administer therapeutic prescriptions permitted by law or regulation to prepare ward and patient reports and to manage supplies and equipment.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Registration as a Licensed Practical Nurse with the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

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Practical Nurse