

Registered Nurse

Classification Number

6020

Series Concept

This classification is the first level for nursing positions requiring licensure as a Registered Nurse. Working within established policies and within an assigned department/unit, the incumbent plans and conducts professional nursing services using independent judgment and critical thinking skills. Participates as a member of a health care team in cooperation with and under the direction of the clinical manager or designee, and as defined by the state's Standards and Scope of Practice for the Registered Nurse and the state's Nurse Practice Act.

Incumbents provide nursing services requiring independent clinical judgment in correctional or mental health institutions, hospitals or other clinical settings. Incumbents may be assigned to any of a wide variety of nursing programs including psychiatric nursing, chemical dependency, forensic, sex offenders, dual diagnosis, developmentally disabled, maternal child health services, family planning, immunization, corrections, etc. Patients may vary in socioeconomic, cultural, emotional, and/or physical needs and may be confused, disoriented, aggressive or hostile. Some settings may involve exposure to communicable diseases, lifting and moving patients or equipment weighing up to 50 pounds and/or may involve restraining patients.

Incumbents provide preventative, primary, secondary, and tertiary nursing to individuals, organizations and/or the community. They assess physical and psychosocial health, instruct and counsel patients, families, and/or caregivers in disease processes, self-care, and health promotion techniques; develop plans of care, provide case management; identify, consult, and coordinate with community resources pertaining to health, social, and financial services and refer clients to community resources.

Assesses, analyzes, plans, implements and evaluates patient care following established patient care standards.

Distinguishing Features

This is a single classification and not part of a series.

Minimum Qualifications & Skills

EDUCATION: Minimum – Associate's degree in nursing or nursing school diploma or Baccalaureate degree in Nursing required.

EXPERIENCE: No previous experience is required for entry.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE: Current Oregon state RN licensure.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS: Demonstrated positive interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, patients, families, providers, physicians, and the community.