

CLINICAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

Department: Human Services

Classification: Competitive

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

OPEN COMPETITIVE

Valid certification as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) issued by, and registered with, the State of New York, with a specialization in an area of practice recognized by the State of New York.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

At the time of appointment and during employment in this title, candidates must possess a valid certification as a Nurse Practitioner (NP) issued by, and registered with, the State of New York. The clinical specialty required for the specific position will be determined by the department.

At the time of appointment and during employment in this title, candidates must possess a valid Professional Registered Nurse's License issued by the State of New York.

Depending upon assignment, candidates may be required to meet the State of New York's pharmacotherapeutic requirements for writing prescriptions.

Depending upon assignment, candidates may be required to be credentialed by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Compliance Bureau Credentialing Committee, and maintain this credential throughout employment in the assignment.

At the time of appointment and during employment in this title, employees must possess a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State.

Candidates must meet Federal and New York State employee health requirements, including but not limited to immunizations, for the programs in which they are assigned.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

An employee in this title functions as a clinical nurse practitioner in a clinical specialty recognized by the State of New York. The incumbent provides direct patient care, which includes diagnosing, treating, and prescribing for a patient's condition that falls within their specialty area of practice. The incumbent takes, analyzes and interprets patient health histories; performs physical examinations; establishes diagnoses; creates individualized treatment plans; provides care for drug and alcohol addictions; provides preventive care; prescribes medications; provides patient care within the accepted standards of practice. Work requires considerable independent judgement and initiative, and is reviewed by the Director of Behavioral Sciences through conferences, review of reports and observation. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES

Conducts physical and psychosocial assessments to determine health/illness status of individuals. From this assessment, provides education, counseling and guidance;

Assesses patients, establishes diagnoses, develops treatment plans and provides direct care within accepted standards of practice;

Interprets and facilitates the application of standards of practice to the patient care process;

Assumes responsibility for consulting and educational services to provider team;

Makes referrals to other health care providers and/or consults a physician as needed;

Develops and presents pertinent educational programs;

May write prescriptions following established protocols;

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES and PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of the medical and addiction field; thorough knowledge in assessment, making diagnoses and prescribing medicine and treatment within the clinical specialty; thorough knowledge of current literature and other sources of information and recent developments in the field of addiction; ability to tactfully obtain accurate information through interviews and observation; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to instruct patients and staff members; ability to perform physical examinations and evaluate findings accurately; ability to effectively collaborate with a multi-disciplinary staff-regarding patient treatment/care; ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with others, ability to maintain accurate records and charts; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.