LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves the routine care of patients in accordance with a detailed and well-defined patient care plan under direct supervision of a Registered Professional Nurse. Assignments concerning patient care are given specifically with limited leeway allowed for exercise of independent judgment. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Nursing Assistants. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

-Carries out complicated therapeutic treatments such as giving enemas, preparing and applying simple dressings and administering certain medications in accordance with establishing policy;
-Assists in the implementation of the nursing care plan;
-Takes the temperature, notes the rate of pulse and respirations and observes and records other signs and symptoms as directed;
-Collects specimens and assists in carrying out diagnostic procedures under supervision;
-Assists in the admission and discharge of patients;
-Assists patients in performing ambulation exercises and maintaining proper joint motion;
-Cares for equipment used in care of patients as directed;
-Makes beds and performs other tasks designed to provide a suitable environment for patients;
-Bathes patients and gives personal hygiene care.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of nursing techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices; working knowledge of hospital sanitation and hygiene; ability to carry out therapeutic treatments prescribed; ability to understand and carry out exactly detailed oral and written instructions; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to get along well with patients and others; cheerfulness; good moral character; patients; emotional stability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Completion of a course of study approved by the State Education Department as qualifying for Licensed Practical Nurse.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Eligibility for a license issued by the State of New York to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Possession of license at time of appointment.

Non-Competitive Class