

Specification for Class of

MENTAL HEALTH LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE 3

Abolished Effective June 1, 2005

Definition: Within a Division of Mental Health psychiatric treatment facility, provides practical nursing services for mentally ill patients, and acts for the Mental Health Technician 4 in his or her absence.

Typical Work

Assists the Mental Health Technician 4 in coordinating of patient clinical appointments;

Assists the Mental Health Technician 4 in orienting personnel and training and assisting staff;

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;

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;

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 programs;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: practical nursing principles, practices and methods; institution policies and procedures.

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.

AND

Two years of experience in a psychiatric or mental health setting.

New class: 5-28-86

Revised class code change (formerly 3885): 11-14-86

Revised minimum qualifications: 12-11-87

Revised minimum qualifications: 3-15-91

Title change (formerly Mental Health Technician 3B): 5-15-92

Revised minimum qualifications: 1-13-95