

## **REGISTERED NURSE IV**

**GRADE: 16**

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Performs advanced (senior-level) nursing work; Work involves planning, developing, coordinating, and evaluating nursing activities and providing for the care and treatment of patients; May plan, assign, and/or supervise the work of others; Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

Plans, develops, coordinates, and evaluates nursing activities and makes recommendations for improvements

Plans, develops, implements, and monitors program operations

Develops, reviews, revises, and explains health care program policies and procedures

Develops and implements quality assurance programs and processes

Develops in-service training and educational programs

Administers or oversees the administration of medication, immunizations, and treatment, and observes patients for unusual symptoms and reactions

Makes hospital rounds to ensure that prescribed methods and procedures are followed

Evaluates nursing services through the analysis of statistical studies and performance evaluation reports

Reviews medical records and patient assessments to determine compliance with policies and procedures, correctness of assessment, and quality of service

Provides consultation, training, and technical assistance to agency staff, care recipients, provider agencies, and the medical community

May conduct inspections, certifications, surveys, and investigations of health care facilities to determine compliance with state and federal laws, regulations, and rules

May plan, assign, and/or supervise the work of others

Performs related work as assigned

## GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

### Experience and Education

Seven (7) years experience in nursing work; Graduate from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in nursing or from an accredited nursing program is generally preferred. Two (2) years experience maybe substituted for one (1) year of education.

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of nursing techniques and procedures, health care laws and regulations, medical diagnoses and procedures, accepted medical treatment patterns, community health and nursing care principles, practices, and procedures, program regulations and procedures, and utilization review and control measures

Ability to provide patient care, prepare and maintain records, and explain public health law

Ability to organize, coordinate, and evaluate nursing activities and delivery of public health services

Ability to interpret policies and procedures, interpret health care regulations, recognize patterns of medical necessity treatment, and to plan, assign, and/or supervise the work of others

Must be registered as a Registered Nurse by the State of Texas or a state that recognizes reciprocity through the Nurse Licensure Compact

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

### **WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:**

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time
- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

