

HIDALGO COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE II

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This position provides routine (journey-level) vocational nursing work. Work involves providing for the care, treatment, and general welfare of patients; May train others; Works under moderate supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Prepares nursing and medical summaries

Administers medication orally, rectally, internally, or by injection

Monitors patients for treatments and procedures

Monitors patients' temperature, pulse, and respiration

Collects specimens for laboratory examination

Counsels patients with specific health goals

Conducts appropriate screening tests

Applies principles and practices to assess, prevent, and control diseases

Maintains records pertaining to medication, deaths, illnesses, and the transfer of patients

Makes rounds or home visits

May participate in conducting therapeutic programs

May train others

Performs related work as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Three to four (3-4) years of experience in nursing work

Graduation from a high school or equivalent (GED) or from an approved vocational or practical nursing education program

Experience and education may be substituted for one another

Certificates, Licenses, & Registration

Must be licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse by the State of Texas or in a party state that recognizes reciprocity through the Nurse Licensure Compact

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of nursing procedures and techniques

Ability to provide patient medical care, to prepare and maintain records, and to train others

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
- 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