

## FAMILY PLANNING NURSE PRACTITIONER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under nursing administration and in clinical collaboration with a physician, provides comprehensive family planning health care to women, including education, examinations, assessments, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Supervision may be a function of this position, and consultative and instructional guidance is provided to nursing and other health care professionals in the area of expertise. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Takes and records or reviews and interprets the medical and social history of patients;

Performs basic physical examinations including breast and pelvic examinations and obtains materials for appropriate laboratory analysis;

Provides advice and counsel on family planning methods in cooperation with nursing and outreach staff;

Implements contraceptive regimen based on clinical and social evaluation and on the patient's choice of method, including fitting of diaphragms and inserting of intrauterine devices;

Recognizes abnormalities when encountered in examinations;

Works in collaboration with physicians to establish and implement a treatment regimen for minor gynecologic conditions and referring others appropriately;

Interviews and examines patients at appropriate intervals;

Collaborates with nursing and outreach staff in follow-up activities;

Acts as a resource person to nursing staff in the area of family planning and assists with their guidance and training in this discipline;

Collaborates with the other members of the health team to promote increased quality and efficiency of patient care;

Participates in community education in the area of family planning.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of public health nursing principles, practices and techniques; thorough knowledge of medical principles and practices as they apply to the role of the Family Planning Nurse Practitioner; thorough knowledge of the New York State Nurse Practice Act as it applies to the Nurse Practitioner; ability to share significant health care responsibilities with the physician; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; ability to exercise leadership; ability to communicate effectively; good judgment; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a recognized college or university with either (a) a Bachelor's Degree\* in Nursing and a Master's Degree\* in a nursing specialty and completion of an approved Family Planning Nurse Practitioner or Woman's Care Nurse Practitioner course, and in addition, two years of professional nursing experience; or (b) a Bachelor's Degree\* in Nursing or a Master's Degree\* in Nursing and completion of an approved Family Planning Nurse Practitioner or Woman's Care Nurse Practitioner course, and in addition, three years of professional nursing experience; or (c) a satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a valid license and current registration issued by the State of New York to practice as a Registered Nurse.
2. Possession of current certification as a Nurse Practitioner with prescription writing privileges issued by the New York State Education Department.
3. Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New York.

\*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution. In addition, the above stated required degrees in Nursing must be from a school approved by the National League of Nursing; if from a non-approved school, must be supplemented to equate with an approved program.