

## FIELD NURSE (PEDIATRICS)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision of a Pediatrician, this class provides and monitors the delivery of professional nursing services provided to children under the care of the Department of Social Services at clinics and in the field as well as teaching proper health habits and diets. This class functions as nursing resource and liaison between DSS, WIHD, local hospitals, schools and other agencies. Supervision is not normally a responsibility of this class although technical advice and information may be provided. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Assists physicians with examinations to assess physical and mental development, and treatment of children in foster care;

Supervises the feeding and care of children under two years of age in foster homes;

Gives nursing care where needed;

Identifies and reports social and physical factors;

Visits the children in boarding homes and institutions, giving advice, information and assistance in nursing care and hygiene, and teaching habit training both as to food and health to foster mothers;

Works closely with local public health nurses social agencies and other community resources to develop networks to enhance services;

Maintains appropriate levels of supplies;

Compiles and maintains appropriate medical records as mandated by New York State law;

Attends staff meetings.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the theory, practice and application of nursing techniques; ability to teach; good knowledge of the health and welfare laws of New York State and of the aims, organization and field of various types of social organizations; initiative; resourcefulness; discretion; neat personal appearance; sound professional judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of a valid license and current registration, issued by the New York State Education Department, as a registered professional nurse and one year of professional nursing experience in a pediatric or public health nursing agency.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State Motor Vehicle Operator's license at time of appointment.