

HOME HEALTH AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent in this class performs work involving the personal care of patients in the normal activities of daily living in their homes. The work is designed to allow incapacitated patients the opportunity of remaining at home rather than requiring institutionalization. Supervision is not a feature of this class. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Bathes patient and gives personal hygienic care;

Helps patient to the bathroom and in use of the bedpan;

Assists patient in performing exercises prescribed by appropriate professional personnel;

May assist patient in taking self-administered medication, prescribed by a physician;

Makes beds and performs other tasks to provide a suitable environment for patient;

Plans and prepares meals for patient;

Cleans, dusts, washes dishes and performs a variety of other light housekeeping tasks;

Cares for patient's clothing, including light washing, ironing, mending and sorting of clothes for public laundry service.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Ability to work with the aged and infirm; tact; ability to get along with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either (a) satisfactory completion of a basic training program in home health care and six months of experience in a hospital or nursing home in a capacity related to providing basic patient contact; or (b) satisfactory completion of a basic training program in home health care and six months of experience in a certified home health agency providing basic patient contact; or (c) completion of two years of a standard high school course and six months experience as described in (a); or (d) a satisfactory equivalent combination of training and experience.