

NURSE MIDWIFE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under medical supervision and in accordance with established procedures, the incumbent in this class functions as part of a health care team where consultation and referral are readily available and provides comprehensive medical care to low-risk women throughout their child-bearing years. Responsibilities include education, examinations, assessments, diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, management of labor and delivery, and immediate care of the newborn. The incumbent works with other members of the health care staff to maintain, protect and promote the well being of mothers, infants and other family members, and provides health care information and education, including family planning. Incumbents may perform these duties in a clinical setting (for example, a Diagnostic and Treatment Center, a hospital, or as a part of Health Department programs) bringing a variety of medical services to women and families throughout the County. In addition to clinical duties, responsibilities also include development and establishment of programs for reproductive health services and other public health programs directed to women and youth. Supervision may be exercised over nurses, technicians, and aids. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Assumes complete responsibility for managing a case load of medically uncomplicated patients throughout the maternity cycle, including labor and delivery;

Performs basic physical examinations, including blood pressure, physical assessment, and breast and pelvic examinations, and obtains materials for appropriate laboratory analysis;

Evaluates patients' history, laboratory work and physical examination results, and plans and provides appropriate continuing health supervision, education, and referral for additional treatment, as necessary;

Cooperates with the attending physician in the management of those obstetrical cases which require oversight of a physician but in which management by the nurse/midwife is appropriate;

Refers to the staff obstetrician those cases where the patient's medical/obstetrical condition requires management by a physician (but may continue to provide emotional and educational support in such cases);

Notifies the attending physician when any deviation from normal is noted;

Oversees the registration and orientation of new patients; takes and records or reviews and interprets the medical and social history of patients;

Develops standards, guidelines and procedures for insuring a uniformly high level of patient care, and assists in developing standards for evaluation of care;

Provides education and guidance for expectant parents, and emotional social and psychological support to mothers and their families;

EXAMPLES OF WORK (Con't.)

Conducts family planning and childbirth education classes.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of current nursing, principles, practices and techniques; thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of midwifery and of women's and adolescents' health care; good knowledge of the public health care system; good knowledge of the principles and techniques of health care planning and the health education; 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, sound professional judgement; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of a license/permit to practice as a Midwife/Certified Nurse-Midwife issued by the New York State Commissioner of Health and one year clinical experience in midwifery practice.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid driver's license to operate a motor vehicle at time of appointment.