

## JAIL NURSE

147-B

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional nursing position involving responsibility for providing nursing care and medical attention to persons incarcerated in the County Jail. Work is performed under general supervision of the Supervisor of Jail Nursing Services.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: *The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.*

Assesses individual's nursing care needs and carries out nursing care plan;

Is responsible for the care of persons incarcerated in the County Jail;

Reviews individual's health history and compiles information relating to individuals general health status;

Is responsible for observing symptoms and carrying out treatment procedures ordered by the physician;

Notifies physician of instances requiring medical assessment and treatment;

Prepares and applies dressings, gives medication and nursing or therapeutic treatment as prescribed by physicians;

Instructs persons regarding the individual's diet, health habits, carrying out of treatments and rehabilitative measures as authorized by the physician;

Performs related services in the prevention of illness and maintenance of health for incarcerated persons;

Contacts appropriate social services or health agencies as necessary to assure required service on follow up care;

Maintains a variety of records and reports.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARAC-

TERISTICS: Good knowledge of nursing principles and techniques and their relation to medical and surgical practices and skill in their application; working knowledge of medicine, nutrition and dietetics, sanitation and personal hygiene; skill in the application of nursing techniques and practices; ability to understand and follow technical oral and written instructions; ability to accurately determine individual health history data; ability to make observations regarding individual health status and condition; ability to keep records and make reports; ability to work effectively with incarcerated persons and to function in a jail environment; sensitivity to persons from a variety of socio-economic, ethnic and cultural backgrounds; ability to successfully carry out treatment plans and therapeutic measures as prescribed; good observation; mental alertness; firmness; initiative; patience; and emotional stability.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates must be licensed as a Registered Professional in the State of New York, and must have one (1) year of experience in medical/surgical, emergency room, or critical care nursing or 2 years correctional or forensic experience as a Registered Nurse.