

Healthcare at Foster Creek

Job Description: Licensed Practical Nurse

Supervisor: Director of Nursing Services

Department: Nursing

Job Summary: Under the direct supervision of the Director of Nursing Services, provides prescribed nursing care services to residents. Works collaboratively with all members of the healthcare team
Maintains standards of professional nursing practice. Performs other duties as assigned by supervisor

Job Responsibilities:

1. Takes and records patient vital signs as assigned.
2. Dresses wounds, gives enemas, and douches.
3. Applies compresses, ice bags, K-Packs or other approved devices.
4. Observes patients and reports adverse reactions to medications or treatment to medical personnel in charge.
5. Administers specified medication, orally or by subcutaneous or inter-muscular injection, and notes time and amount on patient charts.
6. Assembles and uses such equipment as catheters, tubes and oxygen supplies.
7. Collect samples, such as urine, blood, and sputum from patients for testing and performs routine laboratory tests on samples.
8. Disinfects equipment and supplies, using germicides.
9. Examines food trays for consistency or amount eaten during and after a meal. Assist with meals.
10. Records and/or assesses food trays for prescribed diet and feeds patient when needed.
11. Bathes, dresses, and assists patients in walking and turning as needed.
12. Neatens rooms, makes beds, and answers patient's calls as needed.
13. May inventory and requisition supplies as directed.
14. May wash and dress bodies of deceased persons.

Working conditions:

1. Exposure to blood and body fluids
2. HBV vaccination available
3. Exposure to unpleasant odors
4. Daily interaction with sometimes volatile and angry residents.

Qualifications:

1. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing
2. Must be licensed as a Practical Nurse in the state of employment
3. Demonstrated knowledge of nursing process, particularly as it relates to geriatric patients, long-term care and dementia patients
4. Require mental maturity to deal with fast-paced environment and occasionally combative patients
5. Demonstrated ability to communicate in English in order to understand, and plan and carry out resident care plans and treatments.