

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Traveler Job Description

DEFINITION

A Licensed Practical Nurse Traveler is a highly competent, valuable member of the professional health care team, who through clinical experience and education, performs with a high level of sophistication. The Licensed Practical Nurse Traveler functions independently of supervision in making observation and nursing judgments by use of the therapy process.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Current license to practice as Licensed Practical Nurse in the state of placement.
2. Graduate of a Nursing Degree from an accredited college or be a graduate of an approved Licensed Practical Nursing Program.
3. Has at least one (1) year of professional clinical practice as Licensed Practical Nurses on the floor in the United States.

FUNCTIONS

1. Provides physical care and carries out therapeutic and medical regimens.
2. Accepts doctor's orders for residents and notifies administrative supervisor of any significant change in resident's condition
3. Obtains patient histories and medical information.
4. Assists with medical and minor surgical procedures.
5. Assesses, reports, and records vital signs and measurements. Collects specimens.
6. Observes patients for physical or emotional changes. Reports observations.
7. Prepares examining rooms. Selects, sets up and maintains medical supplies and equipment.
8. Maintains a comfortable, orderly, safe and clean environment for patients.
9. Responds to medical emergencies.
10. Records patient information.
11. Prepares patients for continuing care after treatment. May instruct other LPNs. May serve as a source of information on nursing matters pertaining to section.
12. Schedules and coordinates patient and test appointments.
13. May administer medications under direction and authority of professional medical staff person.
14. Performs additional functions incidental to nursing activities.
15. Observes and records signs and symptoms of changes in resident's condition or behavior; inspects rooms
16. Assists with general health care of residents

PHYSICAL DEMANDS & WORK CONDITIONS

- Work is on medium physical demand; walking and standing most of the time on duty
- Frequent lifting of patients
- Frequent reaching, bending, handling and fingering of instruments and caring for patient's needs
- Hearing to distinguish differences in heartbeat and breathing of patients
- Near-visual activity to read gauges
- Color vision for perceiving changes in patient's skin color and colors of medications and solutions
- Motor coordination and manual dexterity to coordinate hands, eyes and fingers

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