

Advanced Practice Nurse

Classification Number 6035

Series Concept:

This classification provides direct patient care for acute and chronic disease and conditions, including assessing, diagnosing, planning and prescribing pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatments, therapeutic and corrective measures, and health promotion or preventive care. Incumbents participate as members of a health care team in cooperation with and under the direction of the clinical manager or designee, and as defined by the state's Nurse Practice Act.

Incumbents provide primary or specialty health care, including medical or mental diagnosis, treatment, prescription, patient counseling and consultation with other clinical staff in their area of specialty. They provide diagnoses and management for patient medical care based on history, examination and appropriate tests. Incumbents may provide healthcare services in one or more of the following specialties: Family practice, pediatrics, women's health care, adult health, psychiatry, and/or gerontology.

Incumbents provide nursing services requiring independent clinical judgment in institutions, hospitals or other clinical settings. Incumbents may be assigned to any of a wide variety of nursing programs including psychiatric nursing, chemical dependency, forensic, sex offenders, dual diagnosis, developmentally disabled, maternal child health services, family planning, immunization, etc. Patients may vary in socioeconomic, cultural, emotional, and/or physical needs and may be confused, disoriented, aggressive or hostile. Some settings may involve exposure to communicable diseases, lifting and moving patients or equipment weighing up to 50 pounds and may involve restraining patients.

Incumbents provide preventive, primary, secondary, and tertiary nursing to individuals, organizations and/or the community. They assess physical and psychosocial health, instruct and counsel patients, families, and/or caregivers in disease processes, self-care, and health promotion techniques; develop plans of care, provide case management; identify, consult, and coordinate with community resources pertaining to health, social, and financial services; refer clients to community resources and evaluate care delivery. Incumbents may provide in-service training in their specialty area for other healthcare professionals. They may develop and authorize standing orders and protocols.

Distinguishing Features:

There is a single classification and not part of a series.

Minimum Qualifications & Skills:

EDUCATION: Master's degree in Nursing.

EXPERIENCE: As determined by the hiring agency.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE: Current Oregon RN licensure and certification by the Oregon State Board of Nursing as a Nurse Practitioner, or Clinical Nurse Specialist. National Board certification in CNS or NP population specialty.

Some positions may require prescribing authority

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS: Demonstrated positive interpersonal and communication skills with colleagues, patients, families, providers, physicians and the community. .