

CLASS TITLE: INFECTION CONTROL NURSE

Class Code: 02882400
Pay Grade: 24A
EO: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To plan, organize, participate in, and review an ongoing program of hospital infection control for the purpose of detecting and recording nosocomial infections; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of a superior from whom a general program and instructions are received, work is reviewed; work is reviewed for conformance with departmental policies and professional standards.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, organizes, directs and reviews the activities of a professional and technical staff engaged in an infection control program.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To plan, organize, participate in and review an ongoing program of hospital infection control for the purpose of detecting and recording nosocomial infections.

To investigate nosocomial infections on a systematic and current basis, and to compile the accumulated data into various report formats for submission to the proper sources.

To serve as a consultant to public and private agencies with respect to infection control and to instruct nurses and paramedical personnel concerning optimum aseptic procedures.

To assist in the development and implementation of improved infection control measures.

To advise public and private agencies regarding policies, techniques and procedures in relation to epidemiology.

To conduct studies or special investigations pertaining to potential problem areas in controlling nosocomial infections.

To continuously evaluate aseptic procedures in all hospital procedures and make provisions for consultations on specific problems.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of professional nursing principles, practices and techniques and skill in their application in a hospital infection control program; a working knowledge of microbiology and epidemiology; a working knowledge of the aseptic procedures needed to prevent nosocomial infections; the ability to compile and present special and recurring statistical and narrative reports; the ability to provide formal and informal training programs for the purpose of limiting nosocomial infections; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with superiors, subordinates, professional associates, and with public and private health care agencies; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from an accredited school of Nursing; and
Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a hospital setting as a Registered Nurse involved in coordinating a comprehensive program of infection control.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SEPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must meet nursing registration requirements as required by Rhode Island law and regulations, and must possess a certificate in nurse epidemiology no later than completion of the probationary period and must maintain such requirements and certification as a condition of employment

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