CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform a variety of non-professional nursing duties in an operating room during surgery; assisting in the maintenance of the operating room and related equipment as directed by a professional registered nurse; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the close supervision of an operating room nurse from whom specific and general assignments are received; work is subject to review while in process and upon completion for conformance to established operating room procedures and instructions.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: None.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To perform a variety of non-professional nursing duties in an operating room during surgery; assisting in the maintenance of the operating room and related equipment as directed.

To assist at operations as scrub nurse or circulating nurse as assigned.

To assist a surgeon during an operation by passing instruments, sponges or other surgical items as directed.

Under close supervision to be responsible for setting up instrument trays, kits and equipment, supplying adequate dressing materials, sutures and the like base upon the type of operation scheduled.

To prepare and sterilize surgical instruments and reset them on trays, or in kits or in cabinets as directed.

To assist an operating room nurse to prepare patients for surgery by cleaning and shaving the operative field, applying sterile techniques in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the surgeon; to assist with the administration of injections, medications and transfusions; to assist in positioning and draping the patient.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of the use of aseptic techniques as applied to operating room, surgical instruments and equipment and the ability to apply them effectively; a working knowledge of the techniques used in the sterilization of surgical instruments and equipment and the ability to apply such knowledge; a familiarity with surgical practice and operating room procedures; a familiarity with the nomenclature and uses of surgical instruments; the ability to position and drape surgical patients; the ability to deal tactfully with physicians, surgeons, nursing personnel and patients; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a senior high school and completion of a formal Surgical Technicians or Operating Room Technicians training course at an accredited hospital or similar facility, or

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment as an Operating Room Technician or Surgical Technician in an accredited Hospital.

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