

CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST/PRACTITIONER

Definition

Under supervision of the Program Specialist for Early Childhood, the Clinical Nurse Specialist/Practitioner assists in preparing infants to respond appropriately to their education program. The Clinical Nurse Specialist/Practitioner works with special needs infants, families of these infants and education staff to support the developmental potential of these infants by improving and maintaining optimal health.

Responsibilities

1. Conduct medical case finding, screening, and referral activities related to the health of pupils;
2. Refer parents of pupils needing medical care or assistance to appropriate community resource;
3. Conduct a program directed toward the control of communicable diseases in the school and community;
4. Serve as a health education resource person to staff, families and pupils;
5. Assist in the identification of safety and health hazards in the school environment;
6. Provide health counseling for students, parents, and school personnel;
7. Maintain a health record for each pupil;
8. Inform teachers of physical and emotional health problems of pupils;
9. Provide emergency nursing service for ill or injured pupil and personnel at school;
10. Conduct necessary physical assessment, including visual, audiometric and developmental screenings;
11. Serve as a liaison between school, home, medical resources, and other agencies;
12. Coordinate the health program within the total educational program of each assigned school;
13. Attend scheduled staff meetings, committee meetings and continuing education sessions; IEPs and IFSPs.
14. Assist staff to obtain developmental histories for special education programs;
15. Case manage infants with diagnosis of developmental delay and medically fragile.
16. Perform other duties as assigned during the normal school day.

Other Duties

1. Participate in parent and faculty meetings as requested or appropriate;
2. Prepare and distribute health topic bulletins to pupils, staff members and parents;
3. Maintain and order supplies for health services;
4. Maintain healthful environment at the school;
5. Complete and submit reports of screening programs and other projects as required by administration, County Schools Office or County Health Department, or State Department of Education;
6. Maintain professional competence through professional growth activities related to early childhood and infants and families with special needs.

Qualifications

1. California Nurse Registration and Audiometric Certificate;
2. California Driver's License and use of personal transportation.
3. California registration of nurse speciality and/or nurse practitioner

Experience

Successful nursing experience (Pediatric or Public Health Nursing) is desirable. At least 3 years experience in health care of infants/ toddlers/ pediatrics/ labor and delivery.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to climb and balance; stoop, kneel, crouch and crawl; and talk and hear. The employee frequently is required to stand, walk, sit, and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to use hands to finger, handle and feel objects, tools, and controls. The employee must be able to frequently exert 10 to 20 pounds of force to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects. This position requires the ability to lift with assistance, move and position a disabled person up to 22 weighing approximately 150 pounds, and lift 50 pounds without assistance. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision and depth perception.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works near moving mechanical parts. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. The employee is frequently more closely exposed to infection than the average person. The employee is directly responsible for the safety, well-being and work output of students. Must be able to meet multiple demands from several people.

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