



## **SCHOOL NURSE**

### **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Manage and coordinate the assigned school's health services program based on requirements established by school division policies, procedures, and protocols, and by local, state and national regulations and statutes; maintain and operate the school clinic including the supervision of clinic staff.

### **ESSENTIAL TASKS**

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Ensure compliance with procedures, protocols, and other instructions provided by the coordinator of health services or contained in division manuals and protocols.
- Provide nursing care and physical screening to students; assess students and implement first aid measures for students as needed.
- Assume responsibility for appropriate assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, management, and referral activities for students.
- Counsel with students concerning problems such as pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and substance abuse in order to facilitate responsible decision-making practices.
- Implement and record required screening programs; notify parents when further medical evaluation is indicated.
- Establish and update health and immunization records.
- Prepare and maintain student clinic records and prepare required reports.
- Administer daily and PRN (as needed) medications and nursing care procedures prescribed by the student's physician.
- Initiate emergency procedures for students and staff as needed.
- Develop Individual Health Care Plans and 504 Plans for students on a case-by-case basis.
- Complete the preliminary nursing assessments ~~and assist the physician with the child study physical examinations~~ for students in the child study process.
- Orient the staff and teach specific medical procedures for the evaluation and maintenance of the medically involved student in the classroom.
- Present, train and maintain appropriate standards from OSHA regarding contact with, and possible exposure to blood borne pathogens and other potentially infectious body materials within the school or employment setting.
- Provide health education and anticipatory counseling.
- Follow procedures for suspected cases of child abuse and neglect.
- Act as a liaison between the school, home health department professionals, and other community agencies.
- Coordinate presentations by various agencies and professionals on pertinent health care topics for school staff.
- Maintain clinic equipment and assesses the need for consumable supplies on an annual basis.
- Manage the process for third party billing with Medicaid to obtain reimbursement for skilled nursing care.
- Perform related work as required.

### **RENAISSANCE ACADEMY ONLY – Pregnant Teen Program**

- Identify enrolled students who have disclosed that they are pregnant.
- Provide appropriate contact information to students for private and community resources.
- Refer students to school support staff and health care providers as needed.
- Participate in collaborative planning and delivery of parenting, child development, and family resource classes with student support teams, social workers, psychologists and guidance counselors.
- Ensure that students and families/guardians have information regarding health insurance (private, Medicaid, or FAMIS.)



### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Ability to use clinic/medical equipment; possess basic pharmacological knowledge; ability to assess emergency situations and act accordingly; comfortable knowledge of universal procedures and ability to teach this to others; good oral and written communication skills; basic computer skills; willing attitude to be a part of the school team; strong sense of professionalism; other skills and requirements expected by the nursing coordinator and the school administrators include management and organizational ability, common sense, motivation, positive attitude; and the ability/willingness to participate in ongoing professional and staff development, both independently and through system-offered opportunities.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Graduate from an accredited nursing program required, Bachelor of Nursing Degree preferred. Must be licensed as a registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia and in good standing with the Virginia Board of Nursing. A minimum of one to three years nursing experience and experience in community health, pediatrics, emergency care and triage, psychiatry, and/or a physician's office preferred. Active Basic Life Support BLS CPR/AED for Healthcare Providers certification with hands-on training required.

A comparable amount of training and experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Requires standing, sitting, repetitious hand and body movements, simple grasping, pushing pulling, fine motor and gross motor skills, bending, lifting, squatting, kneeling, climbing, and reaching. Ability to lift 50 lbs. and has the stamina to stand during the workday as needed. The employee is required to have visual and hearing acuity sufficient to assess student safety and ability.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential tasks.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a valid driver's license

Regular and reliable attendance is an essential function of this position.