

NURSING EVALUATOR 1

KIND OF WORK

Entry level professional patient care evaluation work in health facilities.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class, under immediate supervision by a Health Facility Evaluation Supervisor 1 or 2 or higher level health program administrator, conducts surveys of health care facilities as a member of a survey team to evaluate the quality of patient care in the facilities, determine compliance with applicable regulations, and provide consultation to assist facilities in complying with the regulations.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Conducts surveys of hospitals, nursing homes, boarding care homes and supervised living facilities within a designated geographic area to determine compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, concentrating on adequacy of patient care practices.

Checks nursing procedure manuals and patient records for completeness and accuracy.

Reviews orientation and in-service training provided to facility staff.

Checks patient care plans and patient activity records.

Inspects medication records of patients and drug inventory records and control procedures at the health facility.

Determines adequacy of nurse staffing levels and qualifications of nursing staff.

Checks level of physician services at a health facility.

Interviews patients to evaluate level of direct patient care.

Presents findings of investigations to facility administrator, and submits a written report of findings of investigation to supervisor.

Makes on-site revisits to health facilities to determine degree to which correction of orders and deficiencies have been accomplished.

Presents information at legal proceedings such as appeals of licensure orders, penalty assessments, and certification denials.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Working knowledge of patient care activities in nursing homes, hospitals, and other health care facilities.

Working knowledge of the basic health and social services as they relate to the field of public health and to the health facility evaluation program of the Minnesota Department of Health.

Ability to:

Ability to gather and interpret data and information and skill in preparing letters, documents and reports.

Ability to organize and carry out assignments as required.

Ability to work effectively with a wide variety of health professions within and without the government structure and with the general public.

Ability to present ideas effectively orally and in writing.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Current licensure as a registered nurse with the Minnesota Board of Nursing.

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Former Title(s):