

Nurse Practitioner (Scope of Work) Nevada State Veterans Home

Nevada State Veterans Home is seeking a Nurse Practitioner as an independent contractor to work at the Home for a maximum of 24 hours per week. The following is the scope of work for this position, including instructions for making application.

1. Must maintain collaborative agreement with Medical Director and/or other attending physicians affiliated with the Home
2. Assess the physical and mental health status and manage the care of geriatric patients in an inpatient setting
3. Take, record, and interpret medical histories
4. Perform physical examinations
5. Perform and initiate diagnostic procedures
6. Initiate, perform, and interpret screening for laboratory tests
7. Develop diagnoses and initiate a program of treatment within the standards of medical practice, based on collaborating physician guidelines for geriatric patients
8. Assess the patient's psychological and physical conditions, consulting and referring as needed with other health care professionals
9. Review and evaluate response to health problems and modify treatment as needed
10. Prescribe medications, as allowed by the practice setting and state law, in accordance with established protocol
11. Monitor patient for medication side effects and allergic reactions, making adjustments to the medication regime as needed
12. Evaluate and triage patients in all emergencies, including patients with life-threatening cardiac, acute, and chronic conditions
13. Provide emergency medical treatments, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, required to stabilize a patient's condition until a physician can be consulted or patient is transferred to a higher level of care facility
14. Perform minor surgical procedures, within established protocols and scope of practice, to include suturing minor lacerated tissue and administering local anesthesia
15. Maintain accurate records documenting all physical findings, diagnoses, and treatments; including medications and changes in health status
16. Prepare written reports, records, and summaries
17. Maintain safety, health, and well being of individuals in the therapeutic environment, as allowed in the practice setting
18. Provide education and counseling to patients and their families to promote good health habits
19. Provide health and nursing-practice related education and training to staff
20. May supervise other health professionals, para-professionals, and other personnel, as allowed in the practice setting
21. May delegate, to qualified personnel, direct-care duties consistent with their licensure, certification, and competency, as allowed in the practice setting

22. Serve as clinical preceptor for nursing, medical, and physician assistant students
23. Adhere to community and accreditation standards in the care and treatment of patients and take appropriate measures to provide and maintain hygienic environments
24. Provide 24-hour call as authorized by patient's primary and collaborating MD
25. Negotiate and work specific hours at NSVH each week, total weekly hours on site to equal 24
26. Actively participate as a member of the facility's interdisciplinary team
27. Actively participate in the facility's occupational health program by administering pre-employment physicals, screening for communicable disease, and making referrals as appropriate
28. Collaborate with the DNS, PI, and Administrator concerning process improvement program
29. Collaborate with the facility infection control practitioner to assist with resident and staff influenza, pneumococcal, and other vaccination programs and to assist with post-exposure evaluation, treatment and employee counseling
30. Ensure practitioner coverage on holidays or vacation periods and coordinate schedule with NSVH
31. No other billing of residents or medical insurance to take place for services rendered under this contract

Candidates should send cover letter and resumes with 3 references to; Nevada State Veterans Home, Attn: Michael Nobles, 100 Veterans Memorial Dr., Boulder City, NV 89005, by September 25, 2009. Please include your monthly salary expectations for this position. You may also fax resumes to (702) 332-6762, or email to noblesm@veterans.nv.gov.