



Job Code: 3990

Grade: FF

HCWR: N

Job Title

APN - Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatric Nurse)

Department

Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center Psychiatry Mental Health

Job Summary

Under the direction of the CORE Director of Psychiatry, the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner provides primary psychiatric assessment and management of patients with co-morbid HIV infection, and in some cases substance abuse and other medical diseases. Provides initial psychiatric consultations and continuing psychiatric care in the CORE Center and possibly other HIV care settings in the Cook County Health & Hospitals System (CCHHS). The incumbent will assess and manage patients using advanced diagnostic skills, interpret results, and prescribe psychotropic medications as approved by the medical staff.

Typical Duties

- Assesses referred patients in the CORE Center and possibly other ambulatory settings. Orders and reviews test, formulates treatment plans and meets with patients/families' providers to inform them of biopsychosocial management plan
- Provides education about behavioral health screening, treatment, and patient safety issues to patients, students, and clinical staff
- Documents all encounters with patients in the electronic medical record and communicates diagnoses and treatment recommendations to appropriate staff.
- Makes appropriate referrals for patients depending upon clinical need
- Attends required meetings and participates in assigned committees. Participates in necessary peer review and quality assurance activities
- Performs other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications

- Must possess a current Advanced Practice Nurse - Nurse Practitioner license in the State of Illinois as a Nurse Practitioner or ability to obtain license prior to starting employment
- Current Illinois Control Substance License or the ability to obtain within six (6) months of hire
- Current DEA license or the ability to obtain license with six (6) months of hire
- Graduation from an accredited school of Nursing with a Master's Degree OR Doctorate Degree in Advanced Practice Nursing with a concentration in the field of psychiatric nursing
- Two (2) years of experience as a Psychiatric Advance Practice Nurse (APN)
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certification

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with HIV positive patients or substance users
- Certification as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
- Bilingual



Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Other Characteristics

- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access)
- Sufficient organizational skills to manage diverse group of complex patients
- Excellent interpersonal skills to establish and maintain appropriate professional relationships with patients, members of the health care team, and other personnel
- Ability to utilize electronic medical record and computer databases
- Ability to assess information, apply critical thinking to determine course of action, and relay this information to patients' families and clinical staff
- Ability to demonstrate respect and sensitivity for cultural diversity, patients and coworkers of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- Ability to provide clear and concise documentation regarding patients and to maintain this information in a confidential and HIPPA compliant manner
- Strong written and verbal communication
- Willingness to learn and abide by applicable Joint Commission, governmental, and departmental regulations regarding patient care

Physical and Environmental Demands

This position is functioning within a healthcare environment. The incumbent is responsible for adherence to all hospital and department specific safety requirements. This includes but is not limited to the following policies and procedures: complying with Personal Protective Equipment requirements, hand washing and sanitizing practices, complying with department specific engineering and work practice controls and any other work area safety precautions as specified by hospital wide policy and departmental procedures.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of the personnel so classified.

For purposes of the American with Disabilities Act, "Typical Duties" are essential job functions.