

PHYSICIAN EXTENDER

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This is professional work providing primary health care involving gathering medical history, conducting patient evaluations, making medical diagnoses, and prescribing medical treatment. Practitioners in this role have received specialized training. They provide a medical diagnosis, order therapy, other treatment and prescribe medications. Practitioners may be trained in a specialized area. Work is performed in state facilities, public health programs, correctional units and other clinic settings. Work is performed in collaboration with a physician.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

- Obtain medical histories and perform physical examinations.
- Order and interpret diagnostic studies such as lab work, x-rays and Electrocardiograms (EKG's).
- Prescribe medications when needed.
- Diagnose, treat and monitor acute and chronic health problems such as infections, minor injuries, hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, etc. to include collaboration and coordination of care with other disciplines and providers
- Counsel in nutrition, diet and weight control.
- Provide well-child care, including screening and immunizations.
- Make home visits.
- Function in indirect roles as administrator, consultant, educator or researcher.
- Counsel in such areas as family relationships, stress management and substance abuse.
- Perform procedures such as suturing, casting and minor office procedures.
- Coordinate treatment plan changes in collaboration with the other members of the treatment team.
- Perform related duties as required.

RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of the theory, principles, and practices of medicine and the techniques involved.
- Knowledge of biological, social, and psychological developmental processes at all ages.
- Knowledge of developments in the field of medicine.
- Skill in treating and diagnosing a variety of diseases and injuries.
- Ability to assess and interpret laboratory results, clinical data and information relative to the patient's condition.
- Ability to compile clear and concise notes for patient's charts and to make oral presentations of cases in medical conferences.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associate personnel, patients, and their families, and the general public.

Minimum Education and Experience Requirements

Licensed as a Physician Assistant by the North Carolina Medical Board or approved to practice as a Nurse Practitioner by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and the North Carolina Medical Board.

Special Note

This is a generalized representation of positions in this class and is not intended to identify essential functions per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Examples of work are primarily essential functions of the majority of positions in this class, but may not be applicable to all positions.