

REGISTERED NURSE**DEFINITION:**

Under the direction and supervision of the Coordinator of Health Services, provides oversight of vaccine clinics and related programs, care for children requiring specialized healthcare procedures, administration of medications, assistance with toileting, tube, and oral feedings, first aid, and triage for students and staff. Consistent with the Nurse Practice Act of the state of California, tasks may be delegated to the RN by a credentialed School Nurse with the approval of the Coordinator of Health Services. The RN must be trained and supervised by the delegating School Nurse, and the health outcomes of the student needing the healthcare procedure must be periodically evaluated.

QUALIFICATIONS:**Experience:**

- A minimum of two years of nursing experience, preferably in pediatrics nursing; any combination of experience and training that would indicate possession of the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below

Education:

- Minimum of an associate degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree preferred

License:

- A valid Registered Nurse license from the California Board of Registered Nursing
- A current Adult, Child, and Infant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification including the use of an Automated External Defibrillator
- A current First Aid certification
- A valid California driver's license

Ability to:

- Present a professional appearance, a calm and pleasant manner in person or by phone, and enjoy working with and being patient with children and adults
- Carry out oral and written directions
- Move and assist injured or ill students or staff
- Perform occasional exertion of 25 to 50 pounds
- Adhere to requirements of universal precautions
- Operate telephones, computers, business, and electronic devices
- Use correct English and medical/health terminology with appropriate grammar and spelling

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

The Registered Nurse utilizes the nursing process, demonstrates critical thinking and problem-solving skills to provide holistic nursing care to children and school staff. The RN practices within professional and ethical standards and is always accountable for her/his actions and decisions. When not attending to the specialized healthcare needs of students, the RN assists the Credentialed School Nurse in providing other health care services. Employees in this position, following appropriate certification and/or specific training, are required to provide first aid, life-saving techniques, and general and specialized healthcare procedures to students without direct School Nurse supervision.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Note: Individual school or student assignments may not require the performance of all duties listed nor do these examples include all responsibilities of the RN in this job classification.

- Contribute to positive team functioning and mutual support to build and maintain a respectful team-oriented workplace

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- Demonstrate cultural competence, continuous quality improvement, identification, and resolution of potential risk factors within the school setting
- Provide emergency care in situations such as anaphylactic shock, cardiopulmonary distress, respiratory distress, insulin and hypoglycemic reactions, seizures, and other medical emergencies
- Administer vaccines to students and oversee the VFC clinics hosted by FCUSD
- Perform urinary catheterizations, blood glucose monitoring, oral suctioning, suctioning of tracheostomies, care of ostomies, operation of medical and/or mechanical devices including feeding and IV pumps and ventilators required for the care of students, and specialized health care procedures related to elimination needs and toileting
- Perform feedings for impaired students including oral, gastrostomy, or nasogastric tube feedings, and specialized health care procedures for other feeding needs
- Participate in or provide nursing care described in FCUSD Emergency Care Plans, Individualized Health Service Plans, Individualized Education Plans, or other written plans of care for students
- Monitor the general well-being of students as needed including the measurement of vital signs, the presence of possible communicable diseases, the assessment of illness and injury, and the provision of other care as needed
- Administer prescription and over-the-counter medications as needed per FCUSD policies and procedures, the Nurse Practice Act, and other applicable federal, state, and local regulations, and monitors students for expected, unexpected, abnormal, or allergic reactions to medications
- Assist the Credentialed School Nurse in mandated screening programs
- Participate in positioning and monitoring students as needed, including positioning for use of therapeutic equipment
- Assist in providing medically prescribed therapeutic exercise, as needed
- Document appropriately all nursing assessments, interventions, and student outcomes, and appropriately communicate with delegating or supervising School Nurse. Participate in the notification of parents and follow-up of students with vision, hearing, dental needs, or other health issues
- Ride a school bus or other transport vehicle to provide nursing care to students being transported via district transportation services as needed. Accompany students on field trips to provide specialized healthcare procedures and/or general nursing care as needed
- Comply with the Nurse Practice Act, the Business and Professions Code, California Education Code, and all other federal, state, and local regulations and laws, as well as all Folsom Cordova Unified School District and Health Services Department policies and procedures, goals, and objectives
- Establish and maintain good communication and effective professional working relationships with students, parents, School Nurses, health assistants, teachers, principals and administrators, coworkers, special education personnel, the public and all others with whom the RN must interact
- Demonstrate professional nursing standards of care, including confidentiality, the maintenance of RN nursing skills, documentation of care, and the modeling of safe, prudent, and healthful school and/or work area conditions
- Perform other duties as assigned