



**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE – JUVENILE COURT**

**Department:** Juvenile Court  
**Job Class #:** 242600  
**Pay Range:** General 49

**FLSA:** Non-Exempt  
**Represented:** Yes

Classification descriptions are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in this class and are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.

**GENERAL FUNCTION**

This is skilled practical nursing work for Pierce County Juvenile Court. An employee in this classification is responsible for providing a variety of practical nursing services to juveniles detained at Remann Hall. Work includes making assessments on new admissions; assisting in emergency treatment of injured or ill juveniles; ordering, preparing, and administering medications; performing routine medical tests; observing, recording, and reporting on the general conditions of patients; advising juveniles, parents, and staff on health related issues; and maintaining office records, supplies, and materials. Work involves a variety of duties requiring process and methods ranging from medical records keeping to general health care and crisis intervention. Guidelines are available in the form of well-defined oral instructions from physicians, and the standard operating procedures of Juvenile Court. Work is performed under the direction of a Physician or administrative superior.

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Provides practical nursing services in caring for juveniles requiring medical aid; obtains medical histories; provides emergency first aid care; and assists in preparing patients for physical examinations.
- Performs routine tests such as audiometric screening, visual screening, and pregnancy testing.
- Takes samples of blood, urine, sputum, gynecological cultures for laboratory tests and provides instructions to patients on giving specimens.
- Arranges for dental and medical care with other medical/dental facilities.
- Observes and records the physical and mental conditions of patients, noting physical and/or behavior changes, and contacting the physician or administrative superior regarding these conditions.
- Cares for and counsels patients regarding their medical needs; provides for safety, comfort and protection of patients; and encourages healthy mental attitudes and new behavior patterns.
- Maintains inventory of clinical supplies, materials, and equipment; follows established security measures to prevent loss or theft of medications, supplies, materials, and equipment.
- Transports patients to other medical facilities; notifies families of ill or injured youth; and performs home health care visits.

**OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Performs other related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of practical nursing.
- Some knowledge of health laws and regulations and of their application to Juvenile Court.
- Some knowledge of the physical and mental effects caused by the use of drugs, alcohol and other controlled substances.
- Some knowledge of the specialized behavioral, emotional, and physical problems of juvenile offenders.
- Ability to provide practical nursing care to juveniles.
- Ability to understand and carry out technical, medical instructions in an efficient and timely manner.

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- Ability to observe, record, and report medical data accurately and concisely.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, other agencies, juvenile offenders, and the general public.
- Ability to meet physical demands required and work under stressful work environment.
- Ability to work a varied shift schedule.
- Skill in the use and care of medical equipment, supplies, and related materials.

#### **RECRUITING REQUIREMENTS**

Satisfactory completion of a certified practical nursing training program and two or more years experience in pediatrics or adolescent child care as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Possession of a valid Washington State Practical Nurse's License. Possession of, or the ability to obtain, a valid Washington State Driver's License.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Must possess, or ability to obtain, a valid CPR Card.

Extensive walking, standing, and vending is required in the normal course of performing the daily work. Position requires frequent contact with juveniles who may be hostile and physically volatile.