

SCHOOL NURSE

JOB SUMMARY

To promote and enhance the educational process by maximizing the health and well being of school age children and adolescents physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and developmentally through implementing the standards of school nursing practices established by the profession.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate of an accredited Professional School of Nursing with a current Tennessee Registered Nurse License
- Educational preparation or experience shall include: 2-5 years of previous clinic experience to include procedures, CPR certifications, and basic knowledge of child growth and development, and care of children with special needs
- Negative pre-employment drug screen and background check
- Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Director of Schools/Assistant Director of Schools may find appropriate and acceptable

RESPONSIBILITIES/JOB DUTIES

- Report to Director of Schools/Assistant Director of Schools
- Provide healthcare assistance to well children and children with acute and chronic illness, injury, handicapping conditions, and developmental disabilities
- Assume primary responsibility for medications given at school
- Assume primary responsibility for providing emergency care, illness and injury prevention
- Provide direct nursing care to all students with health needs
- Assume responsibility of school wellness, health promotion, and counseling services
- Provide training and supervision of personnel providing health services
- Participation in interdisciplinary team conferences with students, family, and school personnel to develop plans of care for students with special needs
- Enhance communication among parent, community, and teacher relations and interactions related to health
- Develop individual health care or maintenance plans with clients, family and school
- Consult with Physicians and health care providers regarding medications and medical procedures provided at school
- Observe and monitor students for adverse reactions and side effects to medications being dispensed
- Document pertinent medical information on students as needed
- Conduct screenings and access health status of students
- Serve as resource person in control of communicable diseases
- Interpret health data for school personnel and parents
- Monitor school's compliance with State Health Regulations
- Teach delegated medical skills to non-nursing personnel
- Serve on School Healthy Team and on related system CSH subcommittees as needed
- Collaborate with CSH Program Director on school health initiative identified through various school and system improvement processes (CSH, TCSPP, SIP, etc.) in and up to approximately 20% of work time
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Principal or Assistant Director/Director of Schools

[NOTE: RNs may supervise LPNs. Supervision is defined by the Tennessee Board of Nursing as overseeing or inspecting with authority. The basic responsibility of the individual nurse who is required to supervise others to determine which of the nursing needs can be delegated safely to others, and whether the individual to whom the duties are entrusted must be supervised personally. [Tennessee Board of Nursing Administrative Rule 1000-1-04(2)©]