

# General Duty Registered Nurse (RN)

### **Professional Practice**

- ✓ Current Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario or relevant Provincial body
- ✓ Recent (within the last 3 years) experience in Acute Medical nursing or related clinical placement experience for nursing new graduates
- ✓ Must possess the skills and competencies in acute patient care across the lifespan
- ✓ Knows and abides by the <u>Professional Standards</u> and follows the <u>Guidelines</u> <u>for Professional Behaviour</u> as set out by the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO Professional Standards Revised 2002)
- ✓ Demonstrates accountability and accepts responsibility for own decision and actions
- ✓ Demonstrates ability to meet the RPN duties to the full scope of practice
- ✓ Practice autonomously and safely within legislated scope of practice as a:
- ✓ Caregiver
- ✓ An advocate
- ✓ A change agent
- ✓ A co-ordinator
- ✓ An educator
- ✓ A discharge planner
- ✓ Maintains active participation in ongoing education and belongs to professional organization to promote the role of the professional nurse
- ✓ Participates in CNO QA program on a yearly basis
- ✓ Provides clinical documentation as per hospital policy
- ✓ Provides client care in a non-judgemental manner
- ✓ Demonstrates a professional presence, honesty, integrity and respect in all interactions
- ✓ At all times, demonstrates fitness to practice i.e., free of any drugs or alcohol impairment while on the job

### **Ethical Practice**

- ✓ Establishes and maintains professional boundaries in the workplace i.e., adheres to Workplace Violence, Harassment and Discrimination policy.
- ✓ Willing to work at multiple areas as well as rotating shifts as required to provide client safety



✓ Works well as a member of the healthcare team

### **Legal Practice**

- ✓ Practices according to the legislation, practice standards and the organizational policies
- ✓ Aware of Personal Health Information Protection Act 2004 (PHIPA)
- ✓ Protects clients' dignity
- ✓ Provides clinical document according to the established practice standards of the institution i.e., hand written/electronic documentation and order entry

### **Foundation of Practice**

- ✓ Current Basic Cardiac Life Saving certification (Ontario Heart & Stroke guidelines preferred)
- ✓ Completed coursework and proficiency in Medication Administration All routes including IV, Epidural and PCA pump
- ✓ Push IV medications below the drip chamber as per hospital guidelines
- ✓ Subcutaneous injection using subcutaneous injection set i.e., insulin pen, lovenox set
- ✓ Administration and titration of anticoagulants
- ✓ Knows the College of Nursing of Ontario's <u>Medication Administration</u>
  <u>Standards</u> and follows them when administering medications. (This acknowledges that you have read, know and use these standards in your practice as a professional nurse)
- ✓ Utilizes the nursing process assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation
- ✓ Demonstrates organizational, prioritization, critical thinking, problem solving and teachings skills
- ✓ Ability to meet the physical demands of the job required including the ability to stand, stoop, walk, bend, lift, push, pull and reach without any physical discomfort on a continuous basis; transferring patients with appropriate assistance and/or equipment and ability to stand for extended periods of time
- ✓ Demonstrates knowledge, skills and judgement to independently provide care for patients per Provincial practice guidelines for the following skills and competencies (nursing processes) (including but not limited to):
  - Knowledge and experience to perform comprehensive assessment of patients including L.O.C.
  - Proficient in obtaining vital signs manually and with the use of automatic vital signs machine



- Assessment of capillary refill
- Assessment for alteration in skin integrity
- Knowledge and experience with performing Capillary Blood Glucose Monitoring (CBGM)
- Knowledge and experience with the management of abnormal blood glucose levels
- Knowledge and experience in maintaining controlled /narcotic records in:
  - Hospitals/clinics
  - Home/community
  - Long term care
- Knowledge and experience in the management of intervention for the preoperative and post-operative client
- Knowledge and experience in the assessment and management of pain related to acute, chronic and palliative
- Knowledge and experience in removing skin sutures and staples
- Knowledge and experience in removing drains (as directed)
- o Knowledge and experience of sterile technique/ clean technique
- o Knowledge and experience in wound care (simple and complex)
- Knowledge of safe body mechanics (for clients and healthcare provider)
- o Knowledge and experience with application of tensor bandage
- o Knowledge of the prevention of thrombophlebitis/ DVT
- Knowledge and experience with applying and removing antiembolic stockings
- o Knowledge and experience in the care and maintenance of:
  - Peripheral intravenous lines
  - Central intravenous lines (accessing/de-accessing)
  - Hickman catheters
  - Peripheral intravenous central catheters PICC
  - Multiple lumen catheters
  - Portacath
  - IV patient controlled analgesic pump (PCA)
- Knowledge and experience with venipuncture for phlebotomy and IV insertion
- o Epidural clinical documentation
- o Management of clients receiving blood and blood components
- o Care of patient utilizing patient controlled IV analgesia (PCA)



- Managing oxygen therapy by mask/nasal prongs
- o Use of SaO2 oximetry
- o Insertion of Nasogastric tube
- Maintenance and care of Nasogastric, oral gastric and gastrostomy tubes
- Care and maintenance of enteral feeding Use of the Kangaroo pump
- Prepare clients for and assist with insertion of drains
- Knowledge and experience with administering Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)
- o Knowledge of performing bladder Scanning
- o Knowledge and experience with Continuous Bladder Irrigation (CBI)
- o Management and care of the patient with chest tubes
- Management and care of tracheotomy
- Suctioning nasal/tracheotomy
- o Knowledge and experience with Ostomy care
- Knowledge and experience of urinary Catheter insertion and removal (indwelling & intermittent)
- o Knowledge and experience with testing for occult blood in feces
- Knowledge and experience with testing for urinalysis
- o Knowledge and experience with obtaining MRSA/VRE swabs
- Knowledge and experience with obtaining Rapid Antigen Test/PCR test for Covid-19
- Supportive symptom management
- Knowledge and application of principles of Falls Prevention and Client Safety
- o Knowledge and experience of safe transfer of patients
- o Knowledge and experience with Safe use of Mechanical Lifts
- o Knowledge of Safe Use of Restraints Least Restraint Policy
- ✓ Knowledge of Asepsis
- ✓ Knowledge and Proper Utilization of infection prevention and control IPAC
- ✓ Proper utilization of personal protective equipment (PPE) provided and identify and report hazards
- ✓ Knowledge of common disease process and current treatments available
- ✓ Knowledge of providing End-Of-Life Care
- ✓ Training in management of responsive behaviours (e.g. Gentle Persuasive Approach (GPA) training), and/or non-violent crisis intervention training (e.g. Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) or Safe Management Group (SMG)



– i.e. apply strategies to de-escalate and manage disruptive, aggressive or violent behaviour

#### **Collaborative Practice**

- ✓ Able to provide leadership and direction to regulated and unregulated healthcare workers
- ✓ Works well as a team member and promotes healthy working relationship through the utilization of conflict management strategies
- ✓ Organizes, prioritizes and manages assignments in a timely manner Transfer of Accountability SBAR

# Critical Care (RN) Professional Practice

IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING ALL THE COMPETENCIES OF THE GENERAL DUTY NURSE, THE CRITICAL CARE NURSE IS REQUIRED TO:

- ✓ Have Current Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario or relevant Provincial body
- ✓ Have Current Ontario Critical Care Standards Certificate and/or equivalent experience (3 years) and/or equivalent Certificate
- ✓ Have Minimum of 6 months recent experience in a Level 3 ICU
- ✓ Have Current Advanced Cardiac Life Saving certification
- ✓ Be able to perform CPR at BCLS level
- ✓ Have Organizational, prioritization, critical thinking, problem solving, leadership and teachings skills
- ✓ Able to professionally handle the stress of patients' rapidly changing condition and making sound decisions.
- ✓ Have the knowledge, skills and judgement to independently provide care for patients per Provincial practice standards and guidelines

## Be able to competently perform skills such as:

✓ Insertion and maintenance of nasopharyngeal airway



- ✓ Assist with rapid sequence intubation
- ✓ Continuous Positive Airway Pressure/BIPAP
- ✓ Observation and monitoring of the mechanically ventilated patient
- ✓ Monitoring of ventilator settings of the mechanically ventilated patient
- ✓ Monitoring of post extubated patients
- ✓ Maintenance and suctioning of endotracheal tube
- ✓ Care and maintenance of arterial lines
- ✓ Obtaining blood samples from arterial lines
- ✓ Removal of radial arterial lines
- ✓ Assist with the insertion of Pulmonary Artery Catheter System
- ✓ Care and maintenance of Pulmonary Artery Catheter system
- ✓ Measurement of PAWP and Cardiac Output
- ✓ Obtaining blood samples from Pulmonary Artery Catheter System
- ✓ Removal of Pulmonary Artery Catheter System Specific Training required
- ✓ Cardiac Monitoring and Arrhythmia interpretation
- ✓ Obtaining 12 Lead ECG
- ✓ Assist with the insertion of Temporary Pacemaker
- ✓ Monitoring and Maintenance of Temporary Pacemaker
- ✓ Specimen collection from Central Venous Access Devices
- ✓ Specimen collection from Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC)
- ✓ Venipuncture for phlebotomy and IV insertion
- ✓ Accurate Calculation, Titration and Maintenance of multiple Drugs IV inotropes
- ✓ Participates in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- ✓ Apply external energy for cardiac defibrillation
- ✓ Nasogastric and oral gastric tubes insertion and removal (gag reflex present)
- ✓ Monitor patients receiving IABP therapy Specific training required
- ✓ Monitor ICP
- ✓ Intervenes in advanced cardiac resuscitation through the use of invasive/non-invasive cooling devices
- ✓ Caring for critically ill post-op patients i.e., post CABG; Valve replacement
- ✓ Be able to meet the physical demands of the job required including the ability to stand, stoop, walk, bend, lift, push, pull and reach without any physical discomfort on a continuous basis; transferring patients with appropriate assistance and/or equipment and ability to stand for extended periods of time
- ✓ Be able to work at multiple areas as well as rotating shifts as required



✓ Demonstrate ability to meet the RN nursing and related duties to the full scope of practice

Demonstrate proper utilization of personal protective equipment (PPE) provided and identify and report hazards

# **DENTAL REGISTERED NURSE**

As a Dental Nurse in a dental clinic, a key focus of yours will be assisting the Dentist calmly and efficiently with procedures and treatments.

Your Dental Nurse role will also extend to having a part in the upkeep and maintenance of the clinic. This consists of making sure hygiene guidelines are met and files are organized.

They also provide the following:

- Taking vital signs
- Providing pre and post op instructions to patients
- Set up and tear down operatory and sterilizing instruments
- Processing and filing x-rays
- Recording and filing information about patients
- Advising patients on oral care

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- RN License from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- CPR
- Minimum 1 year experience

#### **GET STARTED WITH US!**

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