UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Position Description

TITLE: Nurse Practitioner

DIVISION: Student Affairs

REPORTS TO: Director, Medical Services

GRADE: 16

SUPERVISES: Family Nurse Practitioner Fellow, professional, technical and other support staff.

BASIC FUNCTION:

Assume an independent clinical practice, assessing, diagnosing, and implementing a health care management plan for both acute and chronic conditions within the scope of services of the University’s Student Health Services and as described in the State of Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 5-34-3. The practice includes collaboration with other licensed health care professionals.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Perform comprehensive physical examinations of clients to identify actual or potential health problems.

Assess and analyze clinical signs and symptoms, diagnose actual/potential health problems, and structure a holistic health care plan to promote optimal health. Consult with physician and other clinical staff as needed.

Maintain proper clinical records and reports, using problem-oriented medical records which will be audited for accountability.

Independently prescribe and/or administer appropriate medication, corrective measures, and medical therapeutics within written protocol.

Provide referrals to consulting specialists and conduct follow-ups as necessary.

Participate in writing, editing and revising clinical protocols, guidelines, and procedures. Participate in quality improvement and peer reviews.

Initiate emergency treatment of acute medical/nursing problems and consult with a collaborating physician as appropriate.

Collaborate with physicians regarding complex medical problems and initiate treatment.
Promote wellness through health promotion and wellness counseling for a wide variety of health issues/concerns.

Provide clinical preceptorship for Nurse Practitioner Fellows and/or Nurse Practitioner students in collaboration with the College of Nursing faculty.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Participate in University Health Services approved research activities, and serve on departmental and University committees.

Participate in case presentations, in-services, etc.

Perform additional duties as required.

LICENSES, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

Must have a current R.I. Registered Nurse License, Registered Nurse Practitioner License, with prescriptive privileges and a Federal DEA License. (Reference: Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner as defined in Chapter 5-34-35 and 5-34-39 of the R.I. General laws, 1956, and revised in 1993.) Must have CPR certification. Might be required to work a non-standard work week.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

The incumbent is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

REQUIRED: Master’s degree in nursing and a bachelor’s degree in nursing or related field from an accredited institution; current R.I. Registered Nurse’s License; current R.I. Registered Nurse Practitioner’s License, with prescriptive privileges and a Federal DEA License; minimum of two years of experience as a nurse practitioner specializing in family practice or adult medicine, or completion of the fellowship program at URI’s Student Health Services; demonstrated knowledge and clinical skills to provide patient care as a nurse practitioner, without direct supervision; demonstrated teaching skills; documented experience with routine outpatient GYN care; current CPR certification; ability to work a non-standard week; demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing; demonstrated ability to organize, coordinate, and supervise support staff; demonstrated ability to prepare and present detailed studies and reports and to make recommendations concerning their substance; demonstrated strong interpersonal skills; demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups.

PREFERRED: Demonstrated experience with Electronic Health Records (EHR); demonstrated experience with college health and behavioral health care.

ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.