

## BURN TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, incumbents of this class are responsible for providing specialized nursing care techniques related to the care and treatment of hospital patients in the burn unit. Responsibilities involve the performance of tasks related to Burn Therapy and preparation of patients and environment for laboratory and operating procedures. Work involves shift rotation. May act as lead aide in the area of expertise. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Prepares and assists with major debridements, escharotomies, fasciotomies, etc.;

Performs minor debridement, using surgical instruments;

Assists in the removal and application of dressings and topical agents;

Prepares patient and assessment room for surgical procedures;

Ensures general maintenance of hydrotherapy room, shower room and assessment room, which involves the strict monitoring of infection control;

Photographs all burn wounds on a daily basis and as necessary;

Maintains patient burn log, which includes: description of burn wound, culture date-ordered and results, and photograph;

Prepares supplies and environment for burn wound care;

Monitors vital signs when necessary;

Collects wound cultures on all patients;

Maintains inventory stock of supplies such as hydrotherapy liners, surgifix, pigskin, and surgical trays;

Assists with admission procedures;

Participates in classes, conferences and workshops pertaining to the care of the burn patient;

May access protected health information (PHI) in accordance with departmental assignments and guidelines defining levels of access (i.e. incidental vs. extensive);

May use computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

May perform other incidental tasks, as needed;

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Knowledge of current burn nursing techniques and procedures; knowledge of the standards in accepted patient care; knowledge of nursing service policies and procedures; skill in performing and demonstrating nursing techniques; skill in interpersonal relationships; ability to give fundamental instruction in skills to the employees and patients; ability to understand and carry out oral instructions; ability to photograph patients; ability to adequately record observations of patients in writing; ability to maintain effective working relationships with other health care staff; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; ability to use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, e-mail and database software; tact; neatness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: High school or equivalency diploma and either (a) satisfactory completion of the inservice training program for senior nursing aide level or the equivalent of such course of training as determined by the Director of Nursing and one year of nursing aide experience in a critical care unit, burn unit, or medical/surgical unit; or (b) two years of nursing aide experience in a critical care unit, burn unit, or medical/surgical unit; or (c) any satisfactory equivalent combination of the foregoing training and experience.

NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, only experience gained after attaining the minimum education level indicated in the minimum qualifications will be considered in evaluating experience.