

Camp Nurse

Job Description



Position Purpose:

The camp Nurse will evaluate and treat campers and staff for minor injuries and illnesses, supervise and insure implementation medication policies and procedures at camp, keep a log of Health Center visits, give supportive advice to counselors and other camp staff if requested, and identify health problems serious enough to require a physician's attention.

Essential Job Functions:

Caring for the medical needs of campers and staff at Camp

- Oversee the health and wellness of approximately 25 campers and 15 staff.
- Conduct initial health screening of all campers and staff
- Provide medical attention to campers and staff with general health concerns and documents in Health Log.
- Distribute and record camper medications.
- Maintain Health Center records and medical forms.
- Supervise the Health Care assistants.
- Communicate specific camper health needs (allergies, special diets) to staff.
- Communicate with Camp Directors about camper health issues.
- Schedule appointments for sick/injured campers or staff to the hospital or clinic.
- Be a "primary care giver" to our campers.

Other Job Duties:

- Act as a liaison with local doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies.
- Be present at the registration of each camp session to check in and file the incoming health forms, record the individual problems, and note medications and help the physician with initial screening.
- Stocking First Aid supplies in the Health Center and all areas of camp and controlling their outflow.
- Safeguarding the camper's prescription medications; administering the medications at the prescribed dosages and hours.
- Participate in camp activities and events.
- Communicate and cooperate with all staff. Express any concerns in a professional manner at an appropriate time. Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.

Equipment Used:

The RN will be expected to use the computer to access the electronic health record system to log and keep track of medications.

Responsible To:

- Reports to on-site attending MD and Camp Director(s)

This job description is intended to provide one a basic outline of a Camp Nurse. It is by no means an all inclusive description as some duties may be reassigned and other duties assigned as required.

Qualifications: *(Minimum Education and Experience)*

- RN degree (licensed in the State of Illinois).
- Flexible – able to adapt to different environments and schedules.
- Confidence in nursing skills.
- Responsible, hard-working.
- Good bedside manner, friendly and personable.
- Strong assessment abilities.
- Prior experience with children (does not have to be in a medical capacity).
- Desire and ability to be a team player.
- Enjoy an active lifestyle.
- Must submit a health history record and examination form prior to the first day of work.
- Have a genuine interest in working with and concern for children with special needs.
- Ability to interact with boys and girls ages 9-18 with varying ability levels.

Physical Aspects of the Job:

- Ability to verbally communicate and work with youth with social skills and some academic difficulties (all age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- Ability to visually and auditorily observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce relevant safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques.
- Ability to visually and auditorily observe staff behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate management techniques.
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring First Aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- Endurance including prolonged standing, some bending, stooping, walking long distances, hiking, climbing, and stretching; requires eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate outdoor equipment and camp activities; requires normal range of hearing and eyesight to record, prepare, and communicate appropriate camper activities/programs and the ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Willingness to live in a camp setting and work irregular hours with limited or simple equipment and facilities; and with daily exposure to the sun, heat, and animals such as bugs, snakes, bats, etc.

Physical Aspects of the Job:

Work schedule: Health Center is staffed 24/7. We create a schedule of shifts that fits the needs of the camp