

**SAINT CLOUD HOSPITAL
JOB DESCRIPTION**

TITLE: Nurse Intern

DATE: October, 2007

REPORTS TO: Director, Patient Care Unit

DEPT: Education & Training

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FUNCTION:

The Nurse Intern functions under the supervision of the Registered Nurse to gain “hands-on” experience in the clinical setting. The primary focus is “educational” assisting the Intern to prepare for a position as a graduate nurse. The intern may care for patients ranging in age from newborn to elderly dependent on unit assigned. Implements and abides by Customer Service Standards. Supports and implements patient safety and other safety practices as appropriate. Supports and demonstrates Family Centered Care principles when interacting with patients and their families and with co-workers.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND DELEGATION OF AN RN:

1. Performs treatments and procedures such as urinary catheterization, dressing changes, blood glucose testing, tube feedings, etc. (see Nurse Intern Responsibilities policy).
2. Administers medications including hanging IV’s based on nurse intern policy and unit specific policies.
3. Participates in the development and implementation of care plans and patient education.
4. Collaborates with the RN in conducting admission interviews and data collection with RN co-signature.
5. In collaboration with the RN, completes standard discharge instructions.
6. Documents any cares, medications and treatments provided.

POSITIONS SUPERVISED

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

DIRECT

None

INDIRECT

None

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Work performed under defined hospital policies, procedures and standards with direction and guidance from the assigned RN. The Intern must demonstrate proper technique/knowledge of delegated tasks/responsibilities prior to functioning without direct supervision.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Responsible for cost-efficient use of supplies and equipment. Deviations from standards may result in potential liability for the hospital.

CONTACTS:

Requires continuous contact with patients, hospital personnel, visitors and others in the community while demonstrating good judgment and professionalism. Maintains confidentiality at all times.

