



## JOB DESCRIPTION

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POSITION: <b>Registered Nurse (RN)</b>	STATUS: Non-Exempt
DEPARTMENT: Nursing	DATE EFFECTIVE: 06/01/2015
DIRECTLY REPORTS TO: Med Surg Manager INDIRECTLY REPORTS TO:	REVISED: 11/14/2024
SUPERVISES: N/A	SECURITY LEVEL: Medium

### PRIMARY FUNCTION & POSITIONAL PURPOSE

This position is licensed under the provisions of the Professional Nursing Practice Act of the State of Iowa who practices professional nursing as defined by law. Registered Nurses perform a wide variety of job duties during their shift, caring for and educating patients about their conditions, as well as, establishing trust and building rapport with the patient and their family. RN’s at VBCH may cross-train to Emergency Department or other departments as necessary (Operating room, treatment room, wound, cardiopulmonary rehab, clinic, etc.).

### POSITIONAL ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

*Essential functions are those tasks, duties, and responsibilities that comprise the means of accomplishing the job’s purpose and objectives. Essential functions are critical or fundamental to the performance of the job. They are the major functions for which the person in the job is held accountable.*

1. Assumes responsibility of promoting continuity of care by assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating care of the acute, sub-acute, convalescent, chronically ill and critically ill patient.
2. Demonstrates adequate and safe execution of nursing procedures and technical skills.
3. Administers medications, wound care, and other medical interventions.
4. Responsible for responding to Trauma Alert and carry out roles/responsibilities as described in the Trauma Plan.
5. Interprets patient information and makes critical decision about needed actions.
6. Accurately records and reports the patient’s condition including evaluation of the whole patient. Records it promptly into the EHR.
7. Direct and supervised care delivered by other healthcare personnel; licensed practical nurses and certified nurses’ aides.
8. Does an in-depth assessment of the newly admitted patient and establishes a nursing care plan specific and individualized for the patient.
9. Develops with the patient and family a teaching plan for the patient.
10. Teaches patients about their disease so they have adequate knowledge to manage their medical conditions and an insight to know when medical advice is needed.
11. Initiates and assists in discharge planning on each patient.
12. Communicates information regarding the patient’s status to other health professionals.
13. Participates actively, and volunteers where he/she has expertise and experience.
14. Responsible for the interpretation and execution of the LIPS orders.
15. Coordinates care/services with other ancillary departments and the medical staff when appropriate.
16. Performs nursing care with due consideration to the patient and personal safety.
17. Assumes responsibility for equipment and reports defective or unsafe equipment promptly.
18. Attends nursing meetings and continuing education programs and applies knowledge learned.
19. Actively participates and searches for opportunities for personal and professional growth.
20. Performs such other duties as designated by the CNO, Medical Surgical Manager and/or the CEO.
21. Knows philosophy, objectives, and policies of the hospital.

22. Promotes team-work between co-workers to enhance quality of patient care.
23. Demonstrates acceptance and supports contributions from other staff members.
24. Demonstrates professionalism in language and conduct.
25. Maintains strict patient and hospital confidentiality.
26. Responsible for in-patients and out-patients as designated by the Patient Care Supervisor.

Med Surg RN duties:

- 1) Understands and practices the principles of sterile technique for procedures
- 2) Operates equipment within the Med Surg.
- 3) Position patients to prevent complications such as pressure points or skin breakdown.
- 4) Create, follow and evaluate med surg standard work
- 5) Passes medications
- 6) Provides excellent patient care
- 7) Supports and works as a team with teammates in department and others

**ALL EMPLOYEE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

*All Employee Essential Functions are those tasks, duties, and responsibilities that are necessary for every VBCH position to accomplish the organization's purpose and objectives. Essential functions are critical or fundamental to the performance of the job. They are the expectations for which every person is held accountable.*

1. Attendance at work on a regular and reliable basis.
2. Maintains patient, hospital and, employee confidentiality in all aspects of the job.
3. Meets with supervisor concerning policies and procedures, work assignments, financials and other functional problems. Keeps supervisor informed of department activities and needs.
4. Complies with all established policies and procedures of the hospital and of the department, to include the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics and Compliance.
5. Must be able to safely work in an environment where latex is prevalent.
6. Complete annual education requirements. Stays up-to-date with industry matters.
7. Attend meetings as appropriate.
8. Meets standards of hospital infection control.
9. Maintains all applicable regulatory requirements, including licensure requirements when applicable.
10. Commits to being diligent about safety policies and practices within the organization and assigned department.
11. Accepts additional duties as assigned when they are deemed appropriate by the employee's supervisor

**ONE CULTURE BEHAVIORS – ALL EMPLOYEES**

*All employees of VBCH are expected to display the cultural values and competencies of VBCH. This is an essential function of each employee's job and all positions will be held accountable for demonstrating these behaviors.*

**1. Be One - I benefit from and strengthen VBCH.**

- **Think TEAM, not self.**
  - Have a shared sense of purpose and clear goals and understand that we all make a difference
  - Appreciate diversity, recognize each individual has value and we can accomplish more together.
- **Ask for help. Give help.**
  - Make time for everyone. No one is an interruption. Each person is my reason for being at VBCH.
  - Be honest and open in all relationships, interactions, and in providing care.
- **Communicate like your life depends upon it.**
  - Take time to explain and communicate what to expect.
  - Respectfully and effectively communicate within your department and within the organization.

**2. Personalize Care – Your experience. My responsibility.**

- **Bring energy and passion every day.**
  - Ensure consistent care by committing 100% to each individual patient, family and staff member.
  - Deliver the best outcome and excellent service through the dedicated effort of every team member.
- **Serve the patient or support someone who does.**
  - Look beyond assigned tasks and job duties and focus on your purpose.
  - Embrace supporting one another as a way of achieving greatness.
- **Invest the time to listen, care and connect.**
  - Treat others as you would like to be treated – with dignity, respect, care and sensitivity to privacy.
  - Reassure the patient and their family that you know the importance of your job in relation to the care.

### 3. Own It – I own my actions to deliver Key Results.

- **Step up or step aside.**
  - Lead by example; be honest and trustworthy, while always maintaining confidentiality.
  - If unable to meet a request, find someone who can.
- **Take responsibility for your attitude and impact.**
  - Accept personal responsibility to always do the right thing even when no one is looking.
  - Take the time to do things right the first time.
- **Make excellence happen.**
  - Follow through when you tell someone you will do something for them. Make contact with them throughout the process as well as after the task is completed.
  - Realize what we do is a reflection of ourselves and our organizations.

### 4. Improve Daily - I make improvements every day for those we serve including each other.

- **Have a “get better” mindset.**
  - Strive to be the best at what we do. Seek ways to continually improve patient and employee satisfaction.
  - Seek out opportunities to improve skills for personal and professional growth; supporting common goals of the organization.
- **Be coachable.**
  - Sincerely acknowledge and take corrective action when expectations are not met.
  - Commit to professional and personal development.
- **Seek solutions. No blaming, complaining or defending.**
  - Problem solve with input from each individual. Maintain a positive attitude and focus on solutions by working through challenges and conflict together.
  - Focus on process when seeking solutions, not on people.

### 5. Innovate - I imagine and embrace bold new ideas to revolutionize health.

- **Challenge the status quo. Create new possibilities.**
  - Look for opportunities to improve the patient, family and staff experience through innovative thinking and process improvement.
  - Be an active participant in organization activities and community events.
- **Be proactive and embrace change.**
  - Be receptive to different ideas and responses from fellow coworkers.
  - Be open and willing to change to improve outcomes.
- **Be curious – don’t be afraid to fail.**
  - Be willing to go the extra mile and do what is necessary, even if that means to do things differently, to not only meet but exceed expectations.
  - If you or the team fails, grow from the experience and try again.

## EDUCATION, CERTIFICATION, & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

1. High School diploma or equivalent is required
2. Graduation from accredited school of nursing
3. Licensed to practice in the State of Iowa or in a compact state
4. BLS Certification
5. ACLS Certification, or willing to obtain

### ED:

6. TNCC Certification
7. PALS Certification or willing to obtain within one year of hire

## WORKING ENVIRONMENT

*Note: Reasonable accommodations may be made for individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of this position.*

Conditions	Never 0%	Occasionally 1 - 33%	Frequent 45 – 66%	Continuous 67 – 100%
Indoors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Computer Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor exposure to extreme cold or extreme heat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposure to wet and/or humid conditions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Excessive Noise including patient call lights, buzzers and alarms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dusty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vibration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exposure to Latex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – please explain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electricity and/or Electric Shock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toxic or caustic chemicals and fumes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
High, exposed places	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moving mechanical parts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Machinery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power or impact tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other – please explain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lift/Carry</b>				
1 – 10 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 – 20 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 – 50 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51 – 75 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75+ lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Push/Pull</b>				
1 – 10 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 – 20 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21 – 50 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51 – 75 lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
75+ lbs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Movement</b>				
Sitting for long periods of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bend/Stoop/Twist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crouch/Squat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kneel/Crawl	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Reach Above the shoulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reach Below the shoulders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Repetitive Motion (arms, wrists, hands)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grasping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Climb Stars/Ladder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Uneven Walking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Even Walking Surface	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Balancing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finger usage (feeling for pulse, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication (talking and hearing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visual Acuity for reading and computer usage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Visual Acuity for drawing measurements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Must follow all employee health requirements including, but not limited to, the following:

- Employee Health screenings every 4 years after hire as required by State Law
- Yearly flu shots. If flu shots are denied, you will be required to wear a mask at ALL times while on duty during respiratory illness season.
- COVID vaccination – If COVID vaccination is denied you will be required to wear a mask at ALL times while on duty during respiratory illness season.

## SIGNATURES

**I have read this job description and understand the physical requirements and essential job functions. I am able to perform these essential job functions with/without reasonable accommodations. Required accommodations are explained below:**

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Employee Signature

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Date

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Department Head Signature

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Date

## DISCLAIMERS

Van Buren County Hospital has reviewed this job description to ensure that essential functions and basic duties have been included. It is not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all functions, responsibilities, skills and abilities. Additional functions and requirements may be assigned by supervisors as deemed appropriate

This job description in no way states or implies that these are the only duties to be performed by the employee occupying this position. A review of this job description has excluded the marginal functions of the position that are incidental to the performance of fundamental job duties. All duties and responsibilities are essential job functions. Employees will be required to follow any other job-related instructions and to perform any other job related duties requested by his/her manager. Requirements are representative of the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, and/or abilities. To perform this job successfully, the employee will possess the abilities or aptitudes to perform each duty proficiently. Some requirements may exclude individuals who pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health and safety of themselves or other employees. All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Non-Discrimination Policy: It is the policy of Van Buren County Hospital not to discriminate in its services, programs, or employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity. Van Buren County Hospital reasonably accommodates those persons with disabilities to allow for the performance of essential job functions or who may

require alternative means for access. Any concerns or requests for accommodations should be directed to Annie Glick at [annie.glick@vbch.org](mailto:annie.glick@vbch.org) or 319-293-8754.