

CIVIL SERVICE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Incumbent		FLSA	Exempt
Present Classification	Certified Clinic Nurse	CSN	
Department/Division	Cancer Institute Clinic	Date	

FUNCTION

The incumbent in this position provides clinical duties assigned by Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU (SCI). Primary responsibility of the position is to ensure that safe, quality, efficient health care delivery is provided to patients. The incumbent will serve as a patient service coordinator and provide direct nursing services for physicians. This position performs daily application of the School's mission and vision in providing the highest level of quality care to our patients, families, and in working with our employees, physicians, and the communities we serve.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The incumbent in this position reports to the assigned Charge Nurse, who reports to the Nurse Administrator, who reports to the Department Administrator at SCI. This position will be controlled by University procedures, by general directives, and by policies of SCI and SIU School of Medicine.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following information is intended to be representative of the work performed by incumbent in this position and is not all-inclusive. The omission of a specific duty or responsibility will not preclude it from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical extension of position responsibilities.

Demonstrates, by actions, commitment to the mission and the behavioral standards of SIU School of Medicine. Provides excellent service to both internal and external customers through collaboration and partnership; compassion and respect; integrity and accountability; diversity and inclusion; as well as continuous learning and improvement.

Direct Patient Care 90%

Acts under the physician's direction in providing nursing care & provides nursing care in accordance with the Nursing Practice Act of Illinois.

Follows standards of nursing practice in accordance with SIU's policies and procedures & Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) evidence-based care & medication manufacturer's direction as indicated.

Follows research protocols when conducting patient research, including obtain informed consent, providing patient care as directed by research methodology, & documenting patient care according to protocol or clinic standards.

Maintains patient confidentiality in all patient interactions & medical records.

Performs nursing assessments on patients in the clinic & on the phone: general, treatment-specific, or problem-specific depending on the need & appropriateness. Assessments include anatomy & physiology, compliance, response to therapy, symptom management, monitoring for complications (i.e. myelosuppression, mucositis, infection, etc.), laboratory & radiographic results, nutrition, pain, psychosocial, home care, patient resources, hospice & bereavement as appropriate to oncology office-based nursing.

Monitors patient's response to therapy & the early detection of complications/side effects. Reports & documents findings to physician (MD) and within electronic medical record.

Performs clinic laboratory testing & procedural testing according to clinic protocols. Reports findings to MD & documents with electronic medical record.

Provides follow-up coordination of patient care by telephone with the patient, family, & other health care providers including insurance companies, case managers, home care agencies, pharmacies, extended care facilities, hospice units & hospitals when directed or needed.

Performs patient teaching in regards to disease management, medications, & assists in teaching chemotherapy, radiation therapy, biotherapy, prevention & early detection of complications, symptom management & proper follow-up. Documents teaching, phone calls & nursing assessments, interventions & evaluations in the electronic health record.

Performs nursing procedure such as dressing changes, accessing/discontinuing central lines, administering IV fluids & medications including chemotherapy/biotherapy according to protocol & clinical standards.

Under direction of MD, orders, medication, testing & procedures & documents such in the electronic health record. Triage phone calls for MD.

Works with other health care team members in the multi-disciplinary clinic including other MD's as requested. Participates with MDs & staff in primary care of outpatients.

Obtains referrals, pre-certifications etc. with third party payers when required/needed.

Organizes & manages outpatient clinics providing clinic nursing care & delegation of clinical duties to licensed practical nurse (LPN) & medical assistants (MA's). Clinic duties include but not limited to evaluating medical records for completeness prior to patient visit; maintaining electronic health records; rooming patients, obtaining patient history, assisting with portions of physical examinations & procedures, obtaining vital signs, height, weight; providing wound care; reviewing current medications & allergies with patient; scheduling appointments, hospital admissions, tests, consultations, etc. Maintains clean, well-equipped treatment & procedure rooms.

Providing safe delivery of chemotherapy/biotherapy not only for patient but for employees/visitors according to ONS guideline standards.

Responsible for maintaining/managing/assisting pharmacy duties in compliance with USP 797 regulations as needed/required.

Administrative Responsibilities

10%

Assists in orientation and training of new employees, temporary ones and familiarizes residents & medical students with the clinic operation & physician preferences when requested/needed.

Maintains or delegates inventory of adequate supplies necessary for daily clinic activities and makes recommendations to the Charge Nurse for equipment, commodities, and non-routine supplies.

Assists in monitoring nursing quality assurance within the clinical areas & if requested, participates on committees designed to improve the quality of nursing care provided in the Department's clinics.

Initiates and participates in the development of patient & family education information relevant to patient care.

Offers suggestions to help plan, implement, & evaluate procedures designed to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness within the assigned clinic/office.

Performs other duties as assigned.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES NEEDED FOR THIS POSITION

Sensitive to the needs of underrepresented minority populations.

Good communication skills, both written and verbal.

Completion/maintaining competency process to chemotherapy/biotherapy certification (ONS) & strongly recommended in two years become certified as an Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN).

CPR certified

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATIONS

1. Licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse in Illinois.
2. Certification from a nationally recognized professional organization, requiring continuing education and/or ongoing documentation of proficiency in specialty area of nursing practice required of the position.
3. Two years of work experience as a Registered Professional Nurse.

RESPONSIBILITY

Supervisory control - as stated in organizational relationships. Supervisory controls occur both written and orally from supervisor to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the clinic determines all priorities and deadlines.

Guidelines - The incumbent will have access to a manual of clinical procedures and a policy manual. Orientation will be given by clinic staff.

DIFFICULTY

Ability to adapt to various practice styles of physicians within the clinic and assist multiple patients, physicians and staff at a time, when necessary.

Capability to adjust schedule to accommodate emergencies or sudden changes and possess skills to interrupt one task, temporarily, to perform another.

Work longer than the assigned time or adjust hours to accommodate the Clinic's needs and the patient schedule. Will be required to work occasional holidays, extended hours, alternate shifts, & weekends.

Travels to satellite locations as assigned/needed.

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Participates in meetings, trainings and other environmental, health and safety activities as required by SIU School of Medicine and Simmons Cancer Institute.

See attached form outlining the physical and environmental requirements of the position.

Incumbent Date

Direct Supervisor Date

Department Head/Chair Date