

Clinical Dietitian (7357)

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA): Exempt

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Position Summary

This position is responsible for assessing the patient's nutritional status and developing, implementing, and monitoring the appropriate therapies to counteract the patient's compromised nutritional status.

Essential Functions

- Assesses patients' nutritional status and screens for potential risks in a timely manner.
- Ascertains patients' diet history, anthropometries, and pertinent lab values based on BEE, oral, anabolic, enteral, parenteral and degree of metabolic stress.
- Implements appropriate feeding modality, diet, or nutrition support (enteral, parenteral, etc.) and monitors patients' respond to the daily nutrient intake making appropriate recommendations for nutritional intervention when necessary.
- Educates patients and their families on nutritional needs and/or diets; assesses patients' understanding of and compliance with prescribed diet principles.
- Monitors patient satisfaction by conducting daily meal rounds noting patient preferences or special needs and altering menus when necessary.
- May supervise Nutrition Care staff by performing evaluations, completing employee scheduling, and monitoring the service they provide to staff and patients.
- Uses the department's computer system to generate tray tickets, complete nutritional assessments, screenings, and calorie counts, etc.
- Educates or otherwise assists in the training of the hospital medical, nursing and general staff, health care students, and the community by conducting in-service training sessions.
- Assists in planning patient menus and/or menu modifications according to approved diet manual.
- Assists in the development of and participates in departmental and interdisciplinary quality improvement programs; develops and implements interdisciplinary activities within specialty area for the Nutrition Care Clinical Services departments.
- Acts as an advocate and liaison with Nursing and Medical staffs for providing optimal communication and enhancing patient nutritional care, education and research opportunities.
- Complies and assesses patient charges on assigned units.
- Participates in departmental staff meetings and communicates patient care issues to management.
- Keeps updated on developments in clinical nutrition in assigned/specialty areas and maintaining up-to-date standards of practice in a specialty area.
- Participates in facilitating automation of Nutrition Care's clinical services such as screening and assessments.

Knowledge / Skills / Abilities

- Demonstrated potential ability to perform the essential functions as outlined above.
- Ability to provide care to the population served.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the principles of life span growth and development and the ability to assess data regarding the patient's status and provide care as described in the department's policies and procedures manual.
- Demonstrated computer literacy skills.
- Demonstrated human relations and effective communication skills.
- Ability to educate individuals with various levels of education and understanding.

Qualifications

Required

- Registered Dietician with the American Dietetic Association
- Current certification with the State of Utah or obtain certification within one month of employment.
- Two years of clinical/practical experience

Preferred

- ADA Certification in specific area of specialization

Disclaimer

This job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required of employees assigned to the job.