



NUTRITIONIST

JOB SUMMARY:

Within the scope of certification, training, credentialing and privileging the nutritionist is one who engages in the integration and application of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food management and behavioral and social sciences to achieve and maintain people's health. The primary function of the nutritionist is the provision of nutrition care services that shall include: a. Assessing nutrition needs and food patterns; b. planning for and directing the provision of food appropriate for physical and nutrition needs; and c. providing nutrition counseling.

ESSENTIAL TASKS:

1. For the first year of the Cabrini Grant, "Nutritional Wellness Program – A Multidisciplinary Approach to Treating Co-Morbidities", the Nutritionist performs the following tasks.
2. Reviews medical and psychosocial history of patients referred for treatment.
3. Conducts nutrition-related examinations of patients.
4. May act as a consultant to other providers regarding nutrition-related functioning and disorder;
5. Provide information or consultation to promote wellness or prevent onset or worsening of nutrition-related and other health-related disorders and instructs patients and/or families on nutrition-related treatment plans; includes facilitating patient groups on nutrition-related disease management topics such as Diabetes and weight control;
6. Preparation of reports of patients' nutrition status, history, treatment, or progress (including for legal or consultative purposes) for other physicians, agencies, or insurance carriers;
7. Requests consultation when: (a) diagnosis and/or management remain in doubt over an unduly long period of time, especially in the presence of a life threatening illness; (b) unexpected complications arise which are outside this level of competence; or (c) specialized treatment or procedures are contemplated with which they are not familiar;
8. Immediately reports any discovered or suspected violations of HCC's protected health information privacy or security policies and procedures to the Administrative Manager or designee;
9. Pursues a continuing program to maintain or enhance competency as a clinical nutritionist; maintain high levels of current knowledge about new developments in clinical nutrition;
10. Participates in the Health Center's continuous quality improvement program; and
11. Performs other job-related duties that may be assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

1. Current certification by the NYS board for dietetics and nutrition.
2. Demonstrate clinical excellence with compassion and care.



ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

1. Knowledge of evidence-based and best practices in clinical dietetics and nutrition.
2. Ability to establish effective working relationships with a variety of people at all levels of the organization.
3. Ability to work with diverse individuals.
4. Ability to interact with patients, staff, and other stakeholders in a respectful, professional, and tactful manner.
5. Ability to make reasonable and sound evaluative judgments.
6. Ability to use a computing device and electronic health record software.
7. Demonstrate professional and business-like in appearance and demeanor.
8. Demonstrate sound problem-solving and decision-making ability.
9. Demonstrate skill in planning and organizing work, managing time and meeting commitments.

This position description is a guide to the critical duties and essential functions of the job, not an all-inclusive list of responsibilities, qualifications, physical demands, and work environment conditions. This position description is reviewed and revised to meet the changing needs of the agency at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.