DEL MAR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

CLASS TITLE: STUDENT HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Executive Director of Student Services and under supervision of the special education Program Specialists and site administration for any students requiring specialized health care support, the Student Health Care Specialist will administer first aid and emergency treatment including catheterization, tube feeding and respiratory treatment as well as support the classroom teacher(s) to which the students are assigned.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Performs physical health care procedures functioning under clinical nursing care standards of practice for students requiring specialized medical treatment.
• Provides care in medical emergency situations.
• Assists in modifying classroom activities, assignments and/or materials under the direction of the supervising teacher and/or principal for the purpose of supporting and reinforcing classroom objectives.
• Participates in the administration of nursing care described in Emergency Care Plans, Individualized Health Care Plans, and Individualized Education Plans, 504 Plans or other written plans of care for students.
• Monitors general well-being of students as needed including the measurement of vital signs, the presence of possible communicable disease, the assessment of illness or injury, and provisions of other care as needed.
• Assists the school nurse in mandated screening programs.
• Appropriately documents all nursing assessments, interventions, and student outcomes.
• Refers information regarding medical conditions to the District nurse.
• Assists students with clothing, possessions or personal care such as feeding, washing, toileting, and changing diapers.
• Sanitizes and cleans portable toilets/changing tables and supplies.
• Moves students to/from floor, changing tables, and wheelchairs. Assists in lifting students from wheelchairs and/or adaptive equipment. Pushes wheelchairs and assists with walkers.
• Provides medical supervision to students being transported on school bus/transport service.
• In collaboration with the credentialed District nurse, provides instruction to individual students on health care issues.
• Assist with correspondence between school and outside medical providers.
• Performs related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

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• Current nursing care standards of practice and techniques.
• Correct English usage, grammar, punctuation and spelling and health and medical terminology.
• District policies, rules and regulations as it pertains to student health matter.
ABILITY TO:

- Perform advanced first aid and emergency medical treatment for ill and injured students, and students experiencing severe medical conditions.
- Communicate effectively in oral and written form.
- Evaluate and assess student illness or emergency medical situations and determine an appropriate course of action.
- Effectively perform catheterization processes, tube feeding, and respiratory procedures with students with special needs.
- Establish and maintain a variety of files and records.
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possession of valid California nursing license (Registered Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse).
- Possession of standard First Aid Certificate issued by a qualified agency that includes: CPR, catheterization training and blood borne pathogen training.

EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and skill is qualifying.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

- Classroom or playground environment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

- Persons performing service in this position classification will exert 30 to 60 pounds of force frequently to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects.
- This type of work involves sitting a portion of the time but will involve walking or standing for extended periods.
- Perceiving the nature of sound, near and far vision, depth perception, providing oral information, and possessing the manual dexterity to operate business related equipment and to handle and work with various materials and objects are important aspects of this job.
- Must have a full range of motion in the upper extremities.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Valid Driver’s License, Criminal Justice Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint Clearance, Physical and TB Clearance. Fingerprint s and physical will be at district expense and must be obtained at district contracted facility.

SALARY:

Placement on the Classified Salary Schedule on Range 39.