

Maine Maritime Academy



Ship's Nurse

POSITION OVERVIEW

The ship's nurse is responsible for assisting the ship's doctor in the basic, emergency and primary care medical treatment of the crew and students while underway onboard the Training Ship, State of Maine (TSSOM). The physician directly supervises the ship's nurse. This is a temporary staff position.

DUTIES

- Provides onboard medical care and treatment for the crew and students
- Assists in the functioning of the medical center.
- Responsibilities include providing patient care both in the ship's medical center and on-site emergencies as the situation dictates onboard.
- Complies with maritime and ship rules, regulations, and procedures.
- Maintain shipboard medical center hours while underway. On call 24/7 while at sea.
- Coordinates with Ship's physician while in port to establish appropriate clinic hours.

The statements above reflect the general details considered necessary to describe the principal functions of the job as identified, and shall not be considered as a detailed description of all work requirements that may be inherent in the position.

SKILLS

- Knowledge of and familiarity with all shipboard medical equipment.
- Able to operate and maintain medical equipment.
- Some experience or willingness to learn simple laboratory and x-ray procedures.
- Experience and knowledge of the indications and contra-indications of fibrinolytic therapy and care of the patient before and after administration.
- An ability to work with people in a closed, intense environment, while providing effective leadership.
- Positive mental attitude.
- Ability to assist in the treatment and stabilization of critically ill or injured patients, including but not limited to: central line placement, chest tube placement, intubation, trach placement, suturing, reduction of dislocated hips or shoulders, EKG, lab and x-ray interpretation.
- Ability to efficiently conduct busy outpatient clinic and document appropriately and completely.
- Ability to function with some autonomy in dispensing medications, doing procedures, and providing appropriate patient teaching.
- Ability to perform CPR.
- Commitment to service.
- Managerial, organizational, analytic, and problem solving skills.
- Ability to facilitate productive meetings and work successfully in a team-oriented environment.
- Ability to exercise sound judgment in complex situations.
- Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations.
- Comfort working in a demanding, educational environment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate of an accredited school of nursing, with a current license in the United States.
- Must be fluent in English.
- Candidate must pass a pre-employment physical examination, drug test and be deemed fit for duty at sea.
- Basic computer knowledge and proficiency is required.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

While performing the duties of this job, this employee may:

- Be exposed to extremes in weather onboard ship, including rain, sleet, snow, turbulent seas;
- Regularly sit, walk through narrow passages, climb ladders;
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools or control medical devices;
- Reach with arms and hands;
- Talk and listen to patients;
- Lift and move up to 100 pounds (patients);
- Noise level can be extreme, especially in engine room.

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