

LifeScape Job Description

REGISTERED DIETITIAN

REPORTS TO: Food and Nutrition Coordinator

DEPARTMENT: Community Life

EXEMPTION STATUS: Exempt

POSITION SUMMARY

This position is responsible to collaborate with the individual's interdisciplinary team to provide nutrition assessments for child services (26th Street) within the Community Life Department in accordance with the organization's mission and core values, utilizing person-centered practices.

KEY RESPONSIBILITY AREAS

Nutrition

- Completes nutrition assessments for individuals at admission and readmission. Completes monthly reassessments for high risk individuals and follows up as needed. Conducts annual reviews.
- Monitors growth and development for significant changes. Evaluates individual's nutrition plan, eating ability, unplanned weight gain/loss, malnutrition and nutritional risk level
- Obtains and collects data to provide recommendations to physicians during clinic visits or consults. Works with nursing and physician to initiate and manage enteral nutrition
- Attends team meetings and is an active member of clinics (i.e. GI clinic, Rehab clinic, etc.)
- Collaborates with interdisciplinary team to ensure diet order, meal plan and nutrition goals are managed sufficiently; develops and implements individualized meal/snack plans in the specialty school, intermediate care (behavior units), and the medically complex/rehab unit

Administration

- Ensures food is prepared in accordance with current nutrition guidelines
- Assists with writing menus to meet the National School Breakfast, National School Lunch and DOH guidelines
- Assists with maintaining and updating policies/procedures that govern dietetics and partners with foodservice employees as needed

Education & Training

- Participates in the Education Wellness Policy Committee
- Assists with staff training and patient education as needed

*Completes other duties as assigned

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Minimum qualifications include obtaining bachelor's degree in Dietetics and completion of a supervised practice dietetic internship accredited through the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), clinical nutrition experience through a coordinated undergraduate program or successful completion of post graduate internship, Licensed Nutritionist status in the state of South Dakota,

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and registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), or must be registry eligible and obtained within six months of hire. Experience with children and adolescents with developmental delays and other disabilities is preferred.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Technological competence to use computer and software utilized by the organization.
- Oral and written communication skills.

WORKING CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Work is performed in an office. Work involved sitting, standing, walking, stooping, and bending. Occasionally lifts and carries items weighting up to 35 pounds, using proper body mechanics. Requires repetitive movements of the wrists, hands and/or fingers.

This position has been evaluated as a Level III in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) definition of Occupational Exposure to bloodborne pathogens.

Level III: Positions in this category are not required to perform tasks which involve exposure to blood, potentially infectious body fluids, or hazardous waste.

MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE

- State and federal regulatory audits
- Feedback from Persons Served and Care Team
- Staff feedback
- Special projects
- Adherence to mission and core values

Note: Job Descriptions are not exhaustive lists of all skills, responsibilities, or efforts associated with a job. They reflect principle job elements essential for performing the job and evaluating performance. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the position.