

**New York State Department of Civil Service**  
DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION & COMPENSATION

Classification Standard

**Occ. Code 55051XX**

**Nurse Practitioner (Various Parenthetics), Grade 24**

Brief Description of Class

Nurse Practitioners are advanced practice nurses who are certified by the New York State Education Department in a specialty practice area. Incumbents provide primary, acute, and/or long-term care; perform physical exams; diagnose and treat illnesses and other health problems; prescribe medications, medical tests, and treatments; and collaborate with physicians and other health care providers to ensure that individuals\* receive appropriate, timely, and coordinated care.

Positions are classified at various State agencies.

\*Individual refers to a person who is being treated or cared for, and is used in place of patient, client, or other nomenclature specific to an agency.

Distinguishing Characteristics

*Nurse Practitioner (Various Parenthetics):* diagnoses, treats, prescribes, and provides primary, acute, and long-term health care services within a specialty area of practice in accordance with Article 139 of the Education Law.

Related Classes

Physician Assistants are licensed health care professionals who provide a wide range of medical care to individuals under the supervision of licensed physicians in accordance with Article 131-B of the Education Law.

Illustrative Duties

*Nurse Practitioner (Various Parenthetics)*

Obtains, reviews, and updates individual histories.

Conducts physical examinations; orders tests and reviews results; writes medical orders; determines and/or confirms diagnoses; and treats a variety of health conditions within the specialty area of practice.

Establishes individual goals and treatment objectives, often in conjunction with the individual's treatment team.

Prescribes medications, treatments, medical devices, and immunizing agents, and monitors impact on the condition of individuals, modifying as needed.

Educates and counsels individuals and families regarding illnesses, medications, tests, and treatment goals and procedures.

Provides input for the development, implementation, and revision of clinical policies and procedures for assigned facilities, units, and/or programs.

Maintains medical record documentation consistent with agency, State, and federal requirements.

Functions as a member of an interdisciplinary treatment team, attends meetings, and serves on committees to improve individual outcomes.

Establishes relationships and collaborates with community health providers and organizations to ensure continuity of care.

Provides clinical guidance and training to nursing staff, and may serve as a preceptor to Nurse Practitioner students.

### Minimum Qualifications

#### *Nurse Practitioner (Various Parenthetics)*

Open Competitive: certification and current registration as a Nurse Practitioner in a specialty practice area by the New York State Education Department.

#### Attachment

**Note:** Classification Standards illustrate the nature, extent, and scope of duties and responsibilities of the classes they describe. Standards cannot and do not include all the work that might be appropriately performed by a class. The minimum qualifications above are those required for appointment at the time the Classification Standard was written. Please contact the Division of Staffing Services for current information on minimum qualification requirements for appointment or examination.

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## Parenthetics Attachment

*Nurse Practitioner (Acute Care)*: provides medical care to acutely ill individuals in acute care and hospital settings; stabilizes individuals; and develops treatment plans to maximize the health of individuals and to prevent complications.

*Nurse Practitioner (Adult Health)*: diagnoses and manages common acute and chronic primary health care problems in a variety of settings such as community health clinics, infirmaries, specialty clinics, and correctional facilities.

*Nurse Practitioner (Community Health)*: provides care to individuals in community settings; and develops and implements solutions to health problems in collaboration with community members and resources.

*Nurse Practitioner (Family Health)*: provides primary care, health assessments, guidance, teaching, and/or counseling to individuals across the lifespan from birth to death.

*Nurse Practitioner (Psychiatry)*: provides psychiatric assessments, crisis intervention, treatments, and medication management for individuals with mental illnesses, utilizing a range of psychosocial interventions and therapy methods.