

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

Classification Standard

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<b>Registered Nurse 2 (Geriatric), Grade 20</b>	<b>5601320</b>
<b>Registered Nurse 2 (Psychiatric), Grade 20</b>	<b>5601350</b>
<b>Registered Nurse 2 (Rehabilitation), Grade 20</b>	<b>5601360</b>

Brief Description of Class

Registered Nurses 2 (Geriatric, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation) are registered professional nurses who utilize advanced knowledge and clinical nursing skills to plan, monitor, and provide direct nursing care to individuals\* with specialized, severe, and/or acute needs and medical conditions in State facilities and programs. Incumbents teach, mentor, and provide advice and guidance to nurses and direct care staff within a specialty area, which corresponds with the individuals served and assigned parenthetical title.

Positions are classified in the Department of Health, Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and Office of Mental Health.

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

Distinguish Characteristics

Registered Nurses 2 (Geriatric, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation) generally provide direct nursing care to individuals requiring advanced clinical interventions; serve as teachers and resources to treatment teams, registered nurses, and direct care staff; and provide clinical supervision and training to nursing and direct care staff.

*Registered Nurse 2 (Geriatric):* advanced performance level; provides clinical consultation and training on all aspects of geriatric nursing; and coordinates, directs, and provides nursing care to individuals in Veterans' Homes operated by the Department of Health and the Long Island State Veterans' Home operated by the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

*Registered Nurse 2 (Psychiatric):* advanced performance level; provides clinical consultation and training on all aspects of psychiatric nursing; and plans, supervises, and provides nursing care to individuals with mental illness, addiction, and/or substance use disorder in facilities and programs operated by the Office of Mental Health and Office of Addiction Services and Supports.

*Registered Nurse 2 (Rehabilitation)*: advanced performance level; provides clinical consultation and training on all aspects of cardiac, respiratory, and rehabilitation nursing; and coordinates, directs, and provides nursing care to individuals requiring acute rehabilitation in the Helen Hayes Hospital operated by the Department of Health.

### Related Classes

Registered Nurses 1 are registered professional nurses who provide direct nursing care to individuals in a variety of State facilities, programs, and settings; conduct health assessments; prepare and implement nursing care plans; diagnose and treat individuals' responses to actual, potential, or diagnosed health problems through nursing services, such as case-finding, health teaching and counseling, and the provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being; and execute medical regimens prescribed by licensed health care providers.

Registered Nurse Supervisors 1 are registered professional nurses who provide clinical and administrative supervision to lower-level registered professional nurses and direct care staff; and oversee and coordinate nursing services for individuals in State facilities and programs,

### Illustrative Duties

#### *Registered Nurse 2 (Geriatric, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation)*

Serves as a charge nurse, mentor, preceptor, and resource to nurses and direct care staff; and assesses, develops, implements, provides, and monitors nursing care for assigned individuals.

- Serves as charge nurse; assigns and delegates work; directs, oversees, and maintains operations on assigned units; assists and provides guidance and instruction to nurses in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of individuals' nursing care; and conducts or directs nursing and direct care staff in the implementation of nursing interventions and care activities for individuals.
- Provides direct nursing care to individuals, particularly those who require advanced clinical interventions; assesses health education needs; and provides health counseling and teaching to individuals and families.
- Evaluates the effectiveness of nursing interventions in meeting individuals' needs and enhancing outcomes; and implements improved practice methods and other necessary modifications to ensure quality nursing care.

- Participates on treatment teams, attends meetings, and collaborates with other health care staff and disciplines to ensure that individuals' needs are addressed.
- Acts as liaison to outside agencies and providers to ensure continuity of care and the necessary follow-up for individuals; advocates for individuals' needs; and may provide instruction to providers on individuals' discharge plans.
- Participates in facility admissions; develops, updates, and monitors nursing care objectives in treatment plans for individuals; and administers nursing treatments.
- Demonstrates and teaches proper techniques for nursing procedures and the use of specialized equipment to nursing staff.
- serves as a mentor to new nurses; identifies education and training needs for nursing and direct care staff; observes individual care activities, reviews records, and discusses staff and program requirements with facility managers and nurse educators.
- May serve as a member of various committees and workgroups concerned with individual treatment and care issues or topics.
- Provides input in the development of clinical nursing policies and procedures.

### Minimum Qualifications

#### *Registered Nurse 2 (Geriatric)*

Open Competitive: possession of a license and current registration as a registered professional nurse in New York State; and two years of post-licensure clinical nursing experience working with a geriatric population.

#### *Registered Nurse 2 (Psychiatric)*

Open Competitive: possession of a license and current registration as a registered professional nurse in New York State; and two years of post-licensure clinical nursing experience working with individuals, at least 50% of whom have been diagnosed with mental illness, addiction, or substance use disorder.

#### *Registered Nurse 2 (Rehabilitation)*

Open Competitive: possession of a license and current registration as a registered professional nurse in New York State; and two years of post-licensure clinical nursing experience in an acute care or acute rehabilitation setting.

Substitutions: a bachelor's degree in nursing may substitute for one year of post-licensure clinical nursing experience; and a master's degree in nursing may substitute for two years of post-licensure clinical nursing experience required for Registered Nurse 2 (Geriatric, Psychiatric, Rehabilitation).

**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 qualifications for appointment or examination.

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