

**CLINICAL NURSE, GS-610-9****OPENS:** 01/30/03 **CLOSES:** 02/06/03**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** Seeking candidates throughout Indian Health Service.**TRAVEL:** Relocation expenses **WILL NOT** be paid for this position.**LOCATION:** Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Alaska Native Medical Center, Day Surgery, Anchorage, Alaska**HOUSING:** Government housing is not available. **NOTE:** This is a **SMOKE-FREE** hospital.**SALARY:** \*GS-9: \$47,359 - \$58,015 per year plus 25% Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA).

\*Special salary subject to change.

**COLA:** COLA is reviewed annually by Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and is subject to change.

**DUTIES:** Conducts assessment of preoperative patients. Reviews health record. Preoperative teaching may include explanation of the procedure and the Day Surgery process. Review operative consent, history and physical, labs, x-ray, and EKG. Reports abnormal findings. Administers therapeutic measures as prescribed by anesthesia and/or surgeons such as IV fluids, SBE prophylaxis, preoperative sedation, or conscious sedation. Responsible for immediate and ongoing assessment and care of preoperative and postoperative sedated children and adults including General Surgery, ENT, Eye, GYN, Orthopedic, Urology and Dental patients. Post operative care includes assessment of patient's post-anesthesia/sedation recovery with monitoring of vital signs, intake and output, neurological status, comfort, etc. Discharge teaching is reinforced in the portoperative period. Based on the patient vital signs, intake and output, alertness, appropriateness of escort, the nurse determines the patient readiness for discharge. May rotate on a regular basis to the Endoscopy area. In Endoscopy, operates and monitors specialized equipment such electrocautery, heart monitor, pulse oximeter, CV-1 processor, leak tester, Steris, and a variety of endoscopic equipment. Provides or delegates all nursing care in the Endoscopy room. Assists practitioners with endoscopic procedures. Administers narcotics and sedatives while monitoring the patient for drug actions and reactions. Knowledgeable about common side effects during Endoscopy procedures and the appropriate nursing interventions. Based on the surgery schedule, prepares the Endoscopy room for a variety of procedures in the following specialties: General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Urology, Radiology, and Anesthesia. Provides for immediate management of urgent or emergency cases in Day Surgery or Endoscopy. Initiates resuscitative measures such as acute airway and cardiovascular emergencies based on appropriate BCLS, PALS, and ACLS protocol. Makes staffing assignments as required. Delegates appropriate tasks to non-licensed personnel. Performs other duties to support the Day Surgery Department or Nursing as assigned.

**Basic Education Requirements:** Degree or diploma from a professional nursing program approved by the legally designated State accrediting agency at the time the program was completed by the applicant.

**IN ADDITION:** Candidates must meet the following:**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE****OR****EDUCATION**

GS-9 1 year of experience equivalent to at least the GS-7 level

2 full years of progressively higher level graduate education **OR** a master's or equivalent degree

**SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE:** Experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities (KSAs) to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the position to be filled. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been equivalent to at least the next lower grade level.

**COMBINING EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Equivalent combinations of education and experience are qualifying for which both education and experience are acceptable as stated in the Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule positions.

**REGISTRATION:** Applicants must have active, current registration as a professional nurse in a State, District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** The work requires considerable walking, standing, pushing, bending and lifting in helping patients to and from beds, wheelchairs, stretchers, etc., and in moving equipment and medical supplies.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:** In a hospital environment there is common exposure to contagious disease and some exposure to X-ray radiation. Some degree of risk is present in working with emotionally disturbed individuals.

**EVALUATION METHOD:** Applicants who meet the qualifications requirements described above will be further evaluated by determining the degree to which their work experience, education, training, supervisory appraisal, awards, etc., give evidence that they possess the knowledge (K), skills (S), and abilities (A), described below. All applicants should provide clear, concise examples that show their level of accomplishment or degree to which they possess the KSAs. The information provided will be used to determine the "best qualified" candidates.

- Knowledge of professional nursing principles, practices, and procedures as applied to the care of the Day Surgery patient, including nursing diagnosis, problem oriented plan, assessment of patient's physical, emotional, spiritual & psycho-social-cultural needs.
- Knowledge and ability to provide preoperative assessment, and patient teaching as well as post operative assessment of clinical status and teaching which includes post-operative care and prevention of complications.
- Knowledge of a wide variety of orthopedic, internal medicine, general surgery, eye, ENT, oncology, neurological and gynecological disorders and the normal course of disease, anticipated complications and indicated therapeutic interventions.
- Knowledge of post anesthesia recovery patient care of all hospital service utilizing the Day Surgery Program, such as General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Endoscopy, Pediatrics.
- Knowledge of equipment such as infusion pumps, pulse oximeters suction & respiration equipment, electrocardiogram, blood sugar monitoring and endoscopy equipment.

**NOTE:** The full performance level for this position is GS-9.

This is a covered position under the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. (P.L. 101-630). The Act requires that Minimum Standards of Character be established to ensure that none of the individuals in these positions have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offenses under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; or crimes against persons.

This position is a detail to a Tribal organization and applicants will be subject to a Special Purpose Intergovernmental personnel agreement (IPA) or Commissioned Corps, subject to a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The IPA/MOA may be up to two years in duration and may or may not be extended upon expiration at the discretion of the Tribal organization.

**IN ADDITION:** There is no difference in Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and Excepted Service Standards.

**TOUR OF DUTY:** Regular and compressed tours of duty. Takes Endoscopy Call on a regular rotating basis as needed.

**The facility where this position is located has been contracted to a Tribal organization under P.L. 93-638. This position can only be filled by a current permanent federal employee.**