

# LINN COUNTY CLASSIFICATION

**TITLE: CORRECTIONS REGISTERED NURSE**

**NUMBER: 677**

**APPROVAL ORDER NUMBER: 2022-265**

**PAY RANGE: 20**

**DATE: JULY 12, 2022**

**CATEGORY: DSA**

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES/JOB OBJECTIVES: Participates in the planning and implementation of the health care provided within the Linn County Jail. Performs professional nursing work in compliance with standards set by the Oregon Board of Nursing.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the immediate supervision of the Health Services Director and Jail Physician who assigns duties and evaluates performance and adherence to established policies.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervision of Corrections Deputies is not a regular responsibility of this position. **In a medical emergency** can exercise limited supervision over Corrections Deputies.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: A person employed in this classification must possess the capability to perform the following duties to be considered for and remain in this position. The duties are essential functions requiring the critical skills and expertise needed to meet job objectives. Additional specific details of these essential functions may be provided by the specific office or department job announcement, if applicable.

1. Review intake screening, provide physical assessments and evaluate those inmates who have specified medical problems.
2. Observe Adults in Custody (AIC) behavior and physical condition, gather information on the AIC medical history and symptoms. Keep records of medical history.
3. Do liaison and coordination of health care with health care providers, hospital emergency rooms, private physicians and mental health staff.
4. Provide nursing care to AIC with drug and alcohol addictions; assist in emergency cases and trauma. Call in prescriptions to pharmacies; administer medication to AIC in accordance with orders of physicians.
5. Hold sick call; collect specimens for further assessment or diagnosis such as communicable disease cultures, blood, etc.
6. Promote individual and group well-being through education activities including counseling, teaching and formal programs.
7. Nurse will exercise supervision, control and custody of AIC during the performance of their job duties.
8. Other duties as assigned by the Health Services Director or Jail Physician.
9. Develop and maintain effective, harmonious and reasonable work relationships with others.

10. Maintains regular and predictable work attendance.

**OTHER FUNCTIONS:** This classification covers the most significant essential functions performed by an employee in this position but it does not include other occasional work which may be similar to, related to or a logical assignment for the position. Any one position in this classification may be assigned some or all of the duties listed under essential functions or that arise as other functions. The balance of the various duties, responsibilities and/or assignments of this position may change from time to time based upon management's decisions on how to best allocate resources. Any shift, emphasis or rebalancing does not constitute a change in the essential functions of the job classification.

**RECRUITING REQUIREMENTS:** (Additional specific details may be provided by the specific office or department job announcement, if applicable).

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITY:** Working knowledge of modern policies, procedures, and techniques for the care and treatment of prisoners. Ability to exercise good judgment and act professionally and effectively in emergency and stressful situations.

Knowledge of nursing principles methods and procedures associated with preventive measures in the maintenance of health in a jail. Knowledge of the uses and effects of medicines and narcotics. Ability to carry out written and verbal orders; exercise judgment within the scope of nursing principles. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with corrections staff, jail physicians and other agencies. Ability to work in a corrections setting.

**EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** Graduation from an accredited school of nursing as a Registered Nurse. Current, unencumbered, Oregon License to practice nursing. Experience in Corrections nursing preferred.

**NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Be a citizen of the United States. Be 21 years of age or older. Be of good moral fitness, as determined by a thorough background investigation. Be free of any conviction for any felony; any misdemeanor involving violent behavior; or unlawful use, possession, delivery or manufacture of a controlled substance, narcotic or dangerous drug. Pass a written and oral interview as prescribed by the Sheriff's Office. Be willing to work weekends, holidays, varying shifts and extra hours. Must pass a comprehensive psychological examination. Possession of a valid motor vehicle operator's license and an acceptable driving record at the time of appointment may be a condition of employment. Possess and maintain a current, unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Oregon. Must possess and maintain a valid First Aid and CPR card including operation of Automatic External Defibrillators.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work is performed primarily indoors. The work requirements include the ability to see, talk and hear; sit, stand, walk, bend and stoop. Drive a motor vehicle. Use hands to finger, handle or operative objects or controls, reach with hands and arms; and, shift from minimal level of physical exertion to high stress/high level of

physical exertion at a moment's notice. The work involves potential exposure to blood products and cleaning materials. Must be able to lift and carry up to thirty (30) pounds.