

Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Job Description

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- I. **Position Title:** Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) in Neurocritical Care Service
- II. **Salary:** \$90,000 to \$110, 000
- III. **Position Summary:** The ACNP provides daily clinical management to critically ill patients with acute and chronic diseases while specializing in neurological complications.
- IV. **Role Responsibilities:** This position seeks autonomous collaborative agreements with Neuro Critical Care physicians and reports to lead nurse practitioner of the team and the director of advanced clinical nursing practice (Yeager, 2009). AG-ACNP responsibilities include, but are not limited to: integrating evidenced based research into practice; attaining comprehensive histories and physicals upon patient admission; ordering and evaluating diagnostic testing and pharmacologic and non-pharmacological interventions based on patient's age-specific needs within state and institutional scope of practice; monitoring effectiveness of interventions; providing multi-disciplinary care and referring to appropriate specialists when necessary; developing short and long term plans to manage acute or chronic illnesses; evaluating patient progress towards goals; performing procedures after appropriate credentialing; participating in daily clinical patient rounds in concert with attending physicians; providing patient and family educational tools for health promotion and disease prevention activities; and documenting care accurately in patient medical records (American Association of Critical-Care Nurses [AACN], 2012; Hamric, Spross, & Hanson, 2009). An AG-ACNP is expected to provide specialized, complex, and

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continuous patient care to stabilize the patient by minimizing complications and providing physical and psychological well-being (Schroeder, 2008).

### **V. Minimum Qualifications** (Ohio Board of Nursing, 2014)

- a. Graduation from an accredited school of nursing
- b. Valid Ohio registered nurse (RN) License
- c. Graduation from an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program
- d. Valid ACNP certification and Ohio licensure with prescriptive authority privileges (CTP or CTP-E)

### **VI. Desirable Qualifications**

- a. BLS and ACLS certification
- b. Three to five years of clinical practice in an acute care setting, preferably in the area of neuroscience
- c. Demonstrated knowledge in the area of neurological disorders
- d. Specialty certification in acute care or neurologic nursing (i.e. CCRN, CNRN)
- e. National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) certification
- f. Participation in a national professional organization
- g. Demonstrated computer skills and experience in electronic health recording

### **VII. General Expectations**

- a. Exceptional problem-solving, communication, and interpersonal skills
- b. Completes competencies and clinical skills within area of specialty to maintain a level of expertise consistent with the role responsibilities
- c. Works effectively and harmoniously under pressure

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- d. Utilizes and communicates evidenced-based research findings in daily clinical practice to influence patient outcomes
- e. Constantly seeks opportunities that require improvement and collaborates with participating physicians to develop a target plan for the identified problem
- f. Serves as an expert resource person for students and nursing staff
- g. Implements formal and/or informal teaching to patient/family, students, and staff
- h. Actively seeks involvement in development of clinical guidelines and quality assurance to meet regulatory compliance
- i. Provides leadership in the development of policies
- j. Performs annual peer reviews and bi-annual chart reviews
- k. Functions as a role model for patient advocacy
- l. Serves as a clinician, educator, researcher, and consultant
- m. Utilizes work hours to fulfill the responsibilities of the job
- n. Attends staff and quality-assurance meetings

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