

 Oroville Hospital	Job Descriptions for Chief Clinical Dietitian		Department:	Dietary
			Dept.#:	8340
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Reports To

Director of Nutrition Services

Job Summary

The Chief Clinical Dietitian functions as the Supervisor to the Clinical Nutrition Staff coordinating in-patient clinical nutrition services. Maintains open communication between the medical and nursing staff and all ancillary services to medical nutrition issues.

Duties

1. Supervises the in-patient clinical nutrition staff
2. Oversees and participates in the coordination of in-patient nutrition assessments involving all aspects of medical nutrition therapy and interventions
3. Develops and implements policies and procedures, standards of practice and processes to guide and support the Clinical Nutrition Staff and the Dietary Department
4. Coordinates and integrates with other hospital departments and medical services to provide the best possible patient care
5. Assists with the selection of staff, which is competent in job-related knowledge and skills
6. Evaluates performance and competence of the clinical nutrition staff on an on-going basis, ensuring that the staff is competent to provide medical nutrition services as governed by the American Dietetic Association Standards of Practices
7. Provides orientation, in-service and continuing education, as needed, to maintain qualified and competent staff
8. Performs studies and evaluation of the quality and appropriateness of medical nutrition therapy services in accordance with the policies and procedures of the hospital
9. Schedules the Clinical Nutrition Staff in order to assure medical nutrition therapy processes are being met in a timely manner
10. Is knowledgeable regarding the duties of the Clinical Dietitian and Clinical Nutrition Assistant with the ability to perform all functions as needed

Qualifications

1. A Bachelor's Degree or advanced degree from an accredited institution with a major in foods and nutrition preferred
2. The Chief Clinical Dietitian must have completed an internship in a hospital offering a program approved by the American Dietetic Association or have equivalent approved experience
3. The Chief Clinical Dietitian must be a member of the American Dietetic Association with current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration

4. A minimum of 2 years clinical experience is preferred
5. Current BLS

Lifting requirements

“Light” – The light category requires that an employee be able to lift a maximum of 20 pounds and frequently lift and/or carry objects up to ten pounds.