

 Oroville Hospital	Job Descriptions for RN/Lactation Consultant		Department:	Obstetrics/Nursery
			Dept.#:	6380/7400
			Last Updated:	7/23/08

Reports To

Nurse Manager

Job Summary

The RN/Lactation consultant provides in-service education for health care providers and assists with evaluating staff levels of expertise in assisting the breast-feeding couplet. As well as providing a pleasant environment for patients and employees.

Duties

1. Promote breast-feeding in the immediate post partum period and beyond. Assist the mother to reach her own goals for breast-feeding.
2. Develop and implement guidelines and standards of care for assisting breast-feeding mothers.
3. Clarify roles and perceptions about breast-feeding support among health care providers caring for mothers/newborns
4. Co-ordinate the service of the professional staff to the benefit of the lactating mother and her breast-feeding baby.
5. Document teaching and progress of mother/baby on patient charts.
6. Confer as needed with relevant obstetrician, pediatrician and nursing staff regarding client's progress, special needs.
7. Initiate out patient referrals to appropriate agencies as needed to promote continuity of care.

Qualifications

1. Certification by I.B.L.C.E. or candidate for certification by I.B.L.C.E. with successful completion within one year of date of hire
2. Current RN license
3. NRP certification required
4. Minimum of two years of experience working with newborns/families or in maternal child nursing

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Lifting Requirements

Heavy: frequent lifting, not more than 100 pounds (with help) and/or carrying objects weighing up to 50 pounds.