

Job Title: Dietitian
Department: Dietary
Classification: Non-Exempt
Reports to: 1. VP of Operations
2. CEO/President

Summary

Provides nutritional assessments and dietary instruction to in-patients and out-patients, documenting the assessments and the nutritional teaching completed as well as the patients' understanding of the information.

Job Duties

- Maintain and/or improve the nutritional status of patients by evaluating diet histories, lifestyle patterns and providing nutritional counseling to maintain or improve physical well-being
- Review menu options focusing on their current diet restrictions
- Consultant to physicians, nurses in the areas of normal and therapeutic nutrition
- Discuss referrals with physician when appropriate
- Document all nutritional interactions with the patient in their medical record and sign appropriately
- Develop and implement plan of care based on assessment and outcomes identification
- Re-evaluate and modify the plan of care based on attainment of expected outcomes
- Refer to other disciplines/programs when necessary
- Ensure open communications with patient and/or significant others
- Ensure plan of care is consistent with safe, effective patient care
- Adhere to established standards of practice including activities and behaviors that characterize professional status
- Facilitate and teach classes as assigned
- Assist in development and implementation of nutrition components of program/classes
- Serve as member of interdisciplinary team discussing concerns/progress with other members of the team
- Instruct outpatients on modified diets as ordered by their physician

Education/Experience

- Must have a bachelor's degree in Foods and Nutrition or related field
- Must be a Registered Dietitian
- Must have current BLS

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- **Required to maintain absolute confidentiality of patient care, patient accounts and hospital related matters**
- **Required to abide by, and comply with, the provisions of the TAH Corporate Compliance Policy**
- Must be able to communicate and exchange information effectively
- Receive and exchange treatment information with physicians, and provide education when necessary
- Provide a means to facilitate effective treatment to patients
- Communicate in a positive environment to all the members of the Food Service Department and TAH staff
- Analytical skills and organizational skills necessary to develop and implement a plan for care appropriate to the unique needs of the patient

- Problem solving in a timely, efficient manner concerning patient's mental and physical well-being to enhance a patient's functional independence
- Ability to concentrate, prioritize, plan, react calmly and perform as a professional to resolve patient care problems, interact with patient's families and other team members, in occasional stressful situations

Work Environment

Works inside with exposure to the following: patient care environment, routine kitchen hazards, variations in temperature and occasional exposure to communicable diseases.

Positions Supervised

None