

WHITING FORENSIC HOSPITAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE MANUAL

SECTION III:	STRUCTURES WITH FUNCTIONS
CHAPTER 11:	Nursing
PROCEDURE 11:	Nursing Services
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VALUE The Nurse Executive ensures that each patient is assessed by a Registered Nurse and receives quality nursing care and treatment based on the Standards of Practice and Care defined by Whiting Forensic Hospital (WFH) which reflect and support the American Nurses Association and other evidence-based practices.

GOAL To provide quality nursing care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to all patients.

POLICY

A. The Nurse Executive

The Nurse Executive a Registered Nurse qualified by advanced education in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and management experience in a psychiatric hospital and exercises leadership through membership at the highest level of Governance in WFH. The Nurse Executive:

1. Ensures continuous and timely availability of nursing services to patients.
2. Ensures that nursing standards of patient care and standards of nursing practice are consistent with current nursing research findings and American Nurse's Association Professional Standards (refer to *Nursing Policy and Procedures Manual*).
3. Implements the findings of current research from nursing and other literature into the policies and procedures governing the provision of nursing care (refer to *Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual*).
4. Ensures that nursing staff carry out all applicable patient care processes and organizational functions as described in the *Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual* and the *Operational Procedure Manual*.
5. As Professional Discipline Chair, supervises the Directors of Nursing concerning matters of professional nursing practice.
6. Is assisted by the Chiefs of Patient Care Services to act on improving nursing performance.
7. Actively participates in the hospital's Governing Body, Operations Council and other hospital leadership groups.

8. Collaborates with the Chief Medical Officer (CMS), Division, and Department Directors at WFH in designing and providing patient care services.
9. Has access to the Executive Committee of the Medical Staff.
10. Participates with the Hospital's Operations Council in providing for a sufficient number of appropriately qualified nursing staff.
 - a. to assess all the patients' nursing needs;
 - b. to plan and provide nursing interventions;
 - c. to promote wellness and recovery through skill building;
 - d. to alert other professionals to the condition of the patient.
11. Establishes standards of nursing practice (see *NCP Manual* and *Nursing Policy and Procedures Manual*).
12. Approves all nursing policies and procedures.
13. Chairs the Nursing Executive Committee (NEC), whose membership consists of all Directors of Nursing for the Hospital, Director of General Medical Services.
14. Develops and revises the Hospital Plan for Providing Nursing Care in collaboration with the Nursing Executive Committee (NEC).
15. Ensures nursing representation on all major Hospital committees.