

Family Nurse Practitioner

Reports To: Yreka Clinic Physician

Salary: \$50,000 - \$60,000, depending on experience

Location: Yreka Clinic

Supervises: Clinic Nurse(s), Medical Assistant(s), Patient Assistance Clerk,
Patient Referral Clerk

Summary: Shall work under the supervision of the Clinic Physician, to provide primary care to program patients. Shall assist with medical staff supervision and training. Shall work as a team leader and shall monitor all organizational wide performance improvement activities and shall serve as a member of the Accreditation Continuous Quality Improvement Committee. Shall be required to attend Karuk Health Board meetings as directed.

1) What are your typical job responsibilities?

Family practice, patient diagnosis and treatment.

2) How do you *really* spend your day?

I see about 8-10 patients per day, most patients require 15-30 minutes each of paperwork, charting, and follow up phone calls.

3) How do you organize your day to ensure you get everything done?

I come into work at 8:15, check through charts with labs, etc. and then begin seeing patients.

4) What education/career paths lead you to this position? Were there any life changes that guided your way to this position (ex; closing of the mill, desire not to leave area, family)?

I was interested in doing family practice, especially diabetes care and family planning.

5) Uppers; what is the thing that you love most about your job?

I like the interactions with patients 85% of the time. Working with colleagues is stimulating and the benefits are good.

6) Downers; what is the thing that you love least about your job?

I am uncomfortable prescribing psychotropic medications with very little supervisory backup from psychologist and dislike managing chronic pain patients.

7) What inspires, excites, and/or motivates you in your job?

I like the challenges of providing appropriate, kind, and sensitive care.

8) What does your average work week schedule look like (ex; hours worked, meetings, appointments, traveling, etc.)?

35-38 hours per week (supposed to only be 30 hours per week), once every two to three months, I attend a class.

9) How do you relieve stress?

I talk to colleagues, work my dogs, and work in my garden.

10) Does your job include a lot of traveling? Do you enjoy it?

As above, I travel to classes about every two to three months.

11) What advice would you give to someone interested in this line of work?

I would recommend working in the field as a medical assistant first to see if it was a job that fit.

12) What does *a typical day in your world* look like?

See #2.