FACILITY:

Benedictine Nursing Center is a 98-bed, non-profit skilled and intermediate care nursing facility providing nursing and rehabilitative care primarily to the frail and elderly population.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Two full time social workers share responsibilities for admissions, discharge planning, obtaining social histories, assisting patients and families in understanding Medicare and other insurance benefits, referral to appropriate resources, counseling patients and families for adjustment, documentation regarding social service intervention, consultation with staff regarding psycho-social needs of patients and families.

ROLE OF PRACTICUM STUDENT:

Attend patient care conferences, observe functions of all departments, work in cooperation with social services workers in one to one and group settings, become familiar with Medicare benefits as they pertain to skilled nursing care, become familiar with components of admission and discharge planning.

EXPECTATION OF PRACTICUM STUDENT:

Good physical and mental health, reliable and punctual, ability and willingness to maintain confidentiality, ability to understand and empathize with the elderly and confused patient.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK MAY BE REQUIRED

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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