QUALIFICATIONS: To be eligible for privileges as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, the practitioner must meet the following qualifications:

BASIC EDUCATION: Current, unrestricted RN license issued by Indiana Health Professions Bureau including licensure as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

MINIMAL FORMAL TRAINING: Successful completion of a graduate program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, which prepares the Registered Nurse to practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist – or - Successful completion of a certificate program offered by a college or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation, which prepares the Registered Nurse to practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

REQUIREMENTS/DUTIES: The Clinical Nurse Specialist must practice under a written collaborative agreement and is accountable to the medical staff member for all aspects of delegated medical management of patients in collaboration with the attending physician. Clinical Nurse Specialist will adhere to Indiana Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations and to the standards defined in the Scope of Practice for Primary Care by the American Nurses Association.

REAPPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS: Basic life Support competency, current demonstrated competence and an adequate volume of current experience (as specified in the ADMINISTRATION Medical Staff Credentialing Process) with acceptable results in the privileges requested for the past 24 months based on results of quality assessment/improvement activities and outcomes. Evidence of current ability to perform privileges requested is required of all applicants for renewal of privileges. A.C.L.S. competence is required if working the Emergency Department.

Note: If any privileges are covered by an exclusive contractual arrangement, physicians who are not party to the contract are not eligible to request the privilege(s) regardless of education, training and experience.

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<td>Initial and ongoing assessment of patient’s medical, physical, and psychosocial status, including: Identify abnormal conditions; develop and implement nursing treatment plans; and evaluate patient outcomes. Use advanced knowledge and skills in teaching and guiding patients and other health team members. Use appropriate critical thinking skills to make independent decisions, commensurate with the autonomy, authority, and responsibility of the clinical nurse specialist. Consult and collaborate with other members of the health team as appropriate to provide reasonable patient care. Recognize the limits of individual knowledge and experience, and consult with or refer patients to other health care providers as appropriate. Provide direct nursing care utilizing advanced scientific knowledge, nursing theory, and nursing skills in the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of health and nursing care of individual patients. Provide indirect nursing care through planning, guiding, evaluating, and directing nursing care delivered by nursing and ancillary personnel. Conduct nursing research, including methods of nursing intervention and healthcare in the area of specialization, and apply research findings appropriate to the area of practice. Teach and counsel individuals or groups by utilizing communication skills and teaching or learning theories to increase knowledge or functioning of individuals or groups, nursing personnel, students, and other members of the health care team. Serve as a consultant and as a resource, utilizing advanced health knowledge and skills, to those who are directly and indirectly involved in patient care.</td>
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1. As set forth in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and policies and procedures, an attending physician or another medical staff member designated by the attending physician must see all inpatients daily. As Certified Nurse Specialists are privileged, but not medical staff members, all care provided to hospitalized patients shall be overseen on a daily basis by a physician member of the medical staff who is ultimately responsible for the patient.

2. A Clinical Nurse Specialist wishing to prescribe controlled substances must obtain an Indiana Controlled Substances Registration (CSR) and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Registration.

3. Clinical Nurse Specialists act as independent and interdependent members of the health team. Specifically, a Clinical Nurse Specialist uses his/her knowledge and skills to identify conditions; develop and implement nursing treatment plans; evaluate patient outcomes; and collaborate with or refer to a practitioner in managing the plan of care.

4. A Clinical Nurse Specialist’s responsibility to the patient includes recognizing his/her limitations and consulting or referring as necessary to other health care providers. Clinical Nurse Specialists must function within the legal boundaries of their advanced practice area and must have knowledge of state and federal drug laws, confidentiality laws and medical records access laws.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRACTITIONER

I have requested only those privileges for which, by education, training, current experience, and demonstrated performance, I am qualified to perform, and that I wish to exercise at Decatur County Memorial.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Collaborating Physician Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________

I have reviewed the requested privileges and recommend approval.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Diane McKinney, VP of Nursing Services

☐ Found qualified for privileges requested.
☐ Modifications recommended as follows: ____________________________

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Department Chair Date

Core Privilege Form Approved:
Department Committee Date: 11-14-14
Medical Staff Date: 02-20-15
Board of Trustees Date: 02-26-15