

# VCUHS Professional Model of Practice

## **Advanced Practice Nurse**

### **Responsibility: The APN**

Parameter 1: Develops, implements, and communicates a cost-effective, quality, comprehensive plan of care across the continuum.

Parameter 2: Supervises or teaches others whom are or will be involved in the care of the patient.

Parameter 3: Makes patient centered decisions when directing the health plan for the patient.

### **Accountability: The APN is accountable for:**

Parameter 3: The quality of nursing practice individually and as a member of the profession.

Parameter 4: Professional judgements made and actions taken in the course of nursing practice.

Parameter 5: Professional self-development and for facilitating the development of others.

Parameter 6: Facilitation, support and promotion of standards of practice and clinical guidelines using an interdisciplinary approach.

### **Authority: The APN has the authority to:**

Parameter 7: Exercise judgement in accepting responsibility, seeking counsel, and delegating responsibility to others.

Parameter 8: Develop, plan, initiate and evaluate patient care interventions within the scope of practice for the unit, the organization and the State of Virginia Nurse Practice Act.

## **Clinical Competence**

Parameter 9: The APN must meet the requirements for clinical competence as required by the individual department and the VCU Health System.

## **Communication**

Parameter 10: The APN discusses the plan of care with the nursing and interdisciplinary team, patients, and families.

Parameter 11: The APN documents the plan of care, the care provided and the patient's responses to that care.

## **Resource Management**

Parameter 12: The APN directs an efficient, cost-effective plan of care for the patient.