

Department: Mental Health
Classification: Competitive
Grade: Ungraded

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CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
(Community Mental Health)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for evaluating the psychological elements of a community mental health/mental retardation program. This is professional and administrative work conducted under the direction of the Director of Community Mental Health Services. The work involves responsibility for administering psychological testing, scoring, evaluation and interpretation in the community mental health/mental retardation (facility) and for the integration of the psychological service with the other activities of the center. The work may involve the supervision of trainees and other assigned personnel. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Performs psychological evaluation for diagnostic purposes, using appropriate testing devices;
Participates in patient behavior modification and shaping, rehabilitation and counseling;
Participates in the intake, screening and diagnostic activities of the clinic (exclusive of medical examinations);
Makes detailed analyses of test results, carries on necessary interviews to obtain complete information in each case and prepares diagnostic reports for case records and for presentation to staff;
Participates in staff conferences devoted to diagnoses, treatment, planning and administration;
Trains other professionals and non-professionals in the contributions that can be made by psychology to treatment teams;
Assists in training programs approved by the New York State Education Department and the American Psychology Association;
Performs research in community mental health needs;
Performs individual, group and family therapy;
May participate in various "outreach" activities through various community campaigns;
Assists in preventive care through informational and education community activities;
May act as an expert witness in legal matters.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive knowledge of psychological tests and measurements, including the special ones used with children as well as adults; a comprehensive knowledge of personality development and of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional and social maladjustments and deficiencies; good knowledge of educational disabilities and methods of remedial instruction; good knowledge of social casework, psychiatric terms and techniques, pertinent knowledge of local community resources; a comprehensive knowledge of methods, techniques and statistical procedures used in research; the ability to train others in psychology and to work effectively with associates; the ability to exercise sound judgment in appraising situations and making decisions;

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the ability to analyze, evaluate and administer the psychology aspects of a mental health/mental retardation program and to make practical recommendations concerning solution of problems; and the ability to present ideas effectively to individuals and groups; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

A doctoral degree in psychology from a college or university duly accredited by the University of the State of New York.

License to practice psychology issued by the New York State Education Department.

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