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### REGISTERED PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

Registered Physician's Assistants are approved (Registered) by the New York State Education Department in medicine, pediatrics, surgery and obstetrics - gynecology in accordance with the clinical areas emphasized during the individual's education, training and experience.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for assisting the physician by performing basic medical services, procedures and tasks or acts as a member of a health care team by performing delegated tasks and services appropriate to the employing/supervising physician's field of practice. Many medical procedures traditionally performed by a physician are not of a complexity to require that the physician always perform them personally; a major purpose of persons employed in the title of Physician's Assistant is to free the time of the physician for duties requiring his professional medical attention. Work is performed under the direction and supervision of a physician who is licensed and currently registered to practice in New York State. The incumbent does related work as required.

The Examples of Work listed below are intended to show the varied activities included within the class, but should not be considered as representative of an individual Physician's Assistant position. All activities and tasks performed by the Physician's Assistant are to assist the Physician in the determination of the patient's diagnosis and appropriate management. Work is performed in the setting of the employing/supervising physician's office, hospital, clinic or in the patient's home.

#### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Performs physical examinations and collects and assembles historical and clinical patient data for presentation to the physician;
- Performs hematological examinations such as hemoglobin determinations, blood counts and similar tests;
- Performs various chemical examinations of blood as for sugar, non-protein nitrogen, and other contents;
- Performs or assists the supervising physician in a variety of diagnostic procedures such as gastric analysis, venous or arterial punctures and pulmonary function studies;
- Works with specialists in laboratory procedures, x-ray services and other diagnostic and therapeutic techniques to assist the physician in appropriate

medical management of the patient;  
Assists the supervising physician in a variety of patient care services such as wound suturing, cast application and removal, dressing changes, incisions and drainage;  
Follows patient's progress such as post operative or during prolonged treatment while in or out of hospital or clinic;  
Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Working knowledge of appropriate basic medical and clinical sciences; working knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of the medical field of practice of employing/supervising physician; skill in performing basic laboratory tests; ability to perform specialized diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures including capability of performing complete medical history and physical examination; ability to understand and carry out verbal and written direction; ability to secure the cooperation of patients and others; ability to prepare reports; coolness in emergencies; sympathetic attitude toward people; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Completion of a program for the education and training of Physician's Assistants or its equivalent, approved by the New York State Education Department and current registration as a Physician's Assistant by the New York State Education Department.

**NOTE:** Standards as prescribed by Section 700.2 (b) (28) and Part 707 of the New York State Hospital Code; Part 94 (Section 94.1 and 94.2) of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York; and Section 60.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

Mutually agreed to by the Municipal Service Division and State Health Department, February 1976. Based on New York State Public Health and Education Law.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 1987 by the Essex County Department of Personnel and Civil Service.

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