

Department: Mental Health
Classification: Non-Competitive
Grade: Ungraded

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STAFF PSYCHIATRIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for providing professional medical and psychiatric services for patients in a psychiatric program by assisting and supplementing the work of the Supervising Psychiatrist. The incumbent is permitted much latitude to exercise independent professional judgment. Supervision and training may be provided by resident psychiatrists, psychologists and other subordinate staff members. In the performance of responsibilities unique to his discipline adequate guidance by a person meeting the qualifications of a Supervising Psychiatrist is required. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of the social worker and the clinical psychologist;
Participates in the intake and screening process of patients;
May be required to provide after-hours emergency psychiatric services;
Participates in individual, group and family therapy;
Provides chemical and physical therapy to patients;
Participates in visits to patient's home;
functions as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;
Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;
Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;
Participates in in-service training of various trainees and non-professionals;
Participates in information-educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;
May provide medical/legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; good knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends; the ability to supervise and instruct staff members; the ability to develop good community relations; the ability to write clear and concise reports; the ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a license to practice medicine in the State of New York, three years of formal or supervised training in an in-patient or out-patient mental health program plus one additional year of clinical experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION:

Eligibility for a license or temporary certificate to practice medicine issued by the New York State Department of Education and either possession of a valid certificate in psychiatry issued by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or proof of admission to the next written or oral test for the certificate. Possession of the license or temporary certificate to practice medicine in New York State is required at the time of appointment.

NOTE: Agreed to by Municipal Service Division and Department of Mental Hygiene, Division for Local Services and are based on the license requirements of the Education Law. March 1973.