

## **PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN I**

### **NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS**

This is routine sub-professional psychiatric nursing work in the care of the mentally ill.

Employees in this class perform routine sub-professional psychiatric nursing services independently after initial training and work under closer supervision on a variety of more complex developmentally assignments.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK** (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the example cover all the duties which may be performed.)

Performs a variety of sub-professional nursing tasks such as taking temperature, pulse and respiration rates; checking blood pressure; obtaining sputum, urine and other specimens for laboratory examination; giving medications and simple treatments.

Escorts and accompanies patients and assists and participates with patients in daily living experiences as assigned.

Serves as socializing agent, both in individual and group contacts with patients.

Works with family and community groups under supervision.

Observes and reports patient behavioral and patient-staff interactions.

Assists in the maintenance of a safe, orderly and therapeutic environment.

Assists in the preparation of a variety of reports, patient summaries, histories and behavioral data sheets; participates in evaluation of patients' as directed.

Participates in on-the-job training programs and other educational sessions as directed.

Performs related duties as required.

### **MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS**

Knowledge of the simple procedures and techniques involved in performing auxiliary nursing services.

Ability to learn and apply the principles, practices and theory of sub-professional nursing as applied to the treatment of the mentally ill.

Ability to learn the more common physical and mental illnesses, their obvious symptoms, and of appropriate medical terminology.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions in detail.

Ability to maintain a sympathetic attitude and effective relationships with the mentally and physically ill.

**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

- A. Six months of experience as a Nurse Aide, successful completion of nine (9) semester hours in behavioral science and graduation from high school; or
- B. Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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