

## PSYCHOLOGIST

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is responsible professional work in the field of psychology involved in the administration of psychological services program in the hospital, health clinics, correctional or educational institutions.

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

Diagnoses mental and emotional disorders of individuals and administers programs of treatment in the hospital; provides direct clinical treatment, including individual, group and milieu therapy; administers and interprets psychological tests; provides for emergency coverage involving screening patients for disposition as to need for admission to the mental health in-patient ward, crisis intervention counseling, psychotherapeutic treatment recommendations; attends and participates in case conferences, evaluations and consultations with psychiatric and medical personnel.

Administers and interprets a battery of psychological instruments; conducts psychological and developmental assessments of young children with developmental disabilities; conducts group and individual parent and family counseling services; maintains liaison and coordinates with other appropriate agencies and programs within the community.

Administers and interprets psychological evaluations of inmates under the Department of Corrections; conducts individual counseling and group therapy sessions; assists social workers and security personnel in identifying individual problem of the client-inmates; maps out treatment plans and makes recommendations as to best approach that will effectuate positive results in dealing with the client-inmates.

Administers and interprets psychometric evaluations in the cognitive, perceptual, academic and affective domains; conducts interviews and provides counseling, individually and in groups; consults with parents and school personnel in regards to difficulties and problems manifested in the school environments and advices concerning methods and techniques which will best assist in the treatment; provides screening and placement of exceptional children into appropriate educational environment; participates in curriculum planning, change and implementation and testing programs to meet needs of students; cooperates with other professionals and specialists dealing with school-age children; follows through on individual school children to determine effectiveness of new class-

room placements and/or programs; observes, evaluates and makes appropriate program modifications; provides consultant services to educational personnel within the school system, helping solve learning and social problems in the schools.

Prepares detailed evaluations based upon application of a wide variety of psychological procedures and techniques, and serves as a psychologist resource person in evaluating and identifying problems in developing detailed and coordinated treatment plans and in conducting a wide variety of individual and group therapeutic and rehabilitative activities.

Maintains records and prepares reports.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of psychology, including testing, diagnostic evaluation and psychotherapy.

Knowledge of the principles and methods of psychological research.

Knowledge of the current social, economic and health problems related to personality development.

Knowledge of mental diseases, their symptoms, treatment and social implications.

Ability to plan and administer psychological services program.

Ability to use different behavioral modifications and therapeutic techniques or approaches.

Ability to interpret and evaluate varied psychological data and develop recommendations.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

a) Two years of professional experience as a psychologist and graduation from a recognized college or university with a Master's degree in psychology, including completion of an approved internship; or

b) Any equivalent combination of experience and training beyond the Master's degree which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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