MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGIST

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS

This is highly responsible professional work in the field of psychology involved in the administration of psychological services program for the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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.)

Provides clinical psychodiagnostic assessment using projective, intelligence, aptitude, achievement, vocational interest and neuro-psychological testing techniques and instruments for the purpose of investigating, analyzing and evaluating mental/emotional problems in severely disturbed adults, adolescents and children.

Selects, administers, and make interpretations using the full range of psychological tests and provides treatment recommendations.

Provides clinical consultation to collateral professionals such as physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurses.

Participates in and initiates program planning, development, coordination, implementation and assessment in the areas of psychotherapy and psychodiagnosis.

Provides direct clinical treatment for patients with problems in living, serious problems of personality and active mental illness, group and milieu therapy, using psychotherapeutic techniques.

Attends and participates in case conferences with staff psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers and personnel of outside agencies which involves speculations on diagnosis, appropriate psychotherapeutic treatment and staffing, length and frequency of treatment and type of treatment needed.

Works as a liaison between the Department and outside institutions and agencies and serve on various committees as well as coordinate various clinical functions relative to psychology.

Assesses the needs of psychological testing materials and equipment.

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

Four years of professional experience as a psychologist and graduation from a recognized college or university with a Ph.D. or Psy.D. in Clinical or Counseling psychology, including completion of an approved internship.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION

Possession of Clinical Psychologist or Individual Marriage and Family Therapist licensure from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners.

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