

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS

This is complex physician assistant work in providing health care services to patients.

Employees in this class are skilled members of the health care team who, under direction and responsibility of physicians, provide diagnostic and therapeutic patient care.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Examines patients, performs comprehensive physical examination, and compiles patient medical data, including health history and results of physical examination.

Administers or orders diagnostic tests, such as x-ray, electrocardiogram, and laboratory tests, and interprets test results for deviations from normal.

Performs therapeutic procedures, such as injections, immunizations, suturing and wound care, and managing infection.

Develops and implements patient management plans, records progress notes, and assists in provision of continuity care; prescribes medication.

Instructs and counsels patients regarding compliance with prescribed therapeutic regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, emotional problems of daily living, and health maintenance.

Initiates and/or participates in research projects which affect patient care; publishing significant results or research when appropriate.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge and understanding of the environment, principles, ethics, and special human relationships in the field of medicine.

Knowledge of the medical, biological, and physical sciences related to the applicable area of medicine.

Knowledge of and ability to perform specific diagnostic and therapeutic practices and procedures.

Ability to identify a medical problem and determine appropriate action to meet the problem, including referral to a physician.

Ability to work responsibly with physicians and other members of the health care team, and to deal effectively with patients.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Skill in performing medical procedures as outlined in approved protocols.

Skill in the safe operation of a motor vehicle may be required.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

One year of professional physician assistant work; and successful completion of a certificate or diploma physician assistant program of at least twelve (12) months, including clinical training or preceptorship, from an institution approved by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation.

OTHER NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of a current license to provide professional patient services under the direct supervision of a licensed physician on Guam.

Possession of a certification to practice as a physician assistant from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Possession of a valid Guam driver's license may be required.

ESTABLISHED: **APRIL 1996**

PAY GRADE: **0**

HAY EVALUATION:

KNOW HOW:	EI3	264
PROBLEM SOLVING:	E3 (38%)	100
<u>ACCOUNTABILITY:</u>	<u>E2C</u>	<u>115</u>
TOTAL POINTS:		479



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