

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN II

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS

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

Employees in this class perform a wide variety of moderately complex sub-professional psychiatric nursing services independently on an ongoing basis and participate in more complex duties under closer supervision. Employees may serve as team or group leaders over less experienced sub-professional staff.

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.)

Participates in a wide variety of activities involving the use of patients' daily living experiences; therapeutically functions as socializing agent.

Facilitates the patients' use of the treatment program through individual and group contacts.

Works with family and community groups; observes and reports behavioral changes in patients and in their interaction with staff.

Assists in planning the therapeutic use of patients daily living experiences and the determination of immediate and long range goals.

Performs a variety of sub-professional nursing tasks in the physical care of patients; administers medications as directed.

Assists in the preparation of a variety of reports, patient summaries, histories and behavioral data sheets.

Participates in evaluation of patients' progress and other staff meetings; offers opinions, suggestions for consideration relevant to the treatment of individual patients and carries out treatment plans outlined and/or as directed.

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

May lead the work of lower level sub-professional staff.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the principles, practices and theory of practical nursing as applied to treatment of the mentally ill.

Knowledge of the more common physical and mental illnesses; their obvious symptoms and of appropriate medical terminology.

Ability to administer detailed therapeutic prescriptions.

Ability to lead the work of others.

Ability to maintain a sympathetic attitude toward an effective relationship with the mentally and physically ill.

Ability to prepare ward and patient reports, and maintain records.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- A. One year of experience as a Psychiatric Technician I or equivalent work 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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