

PSYCHOLOGIST I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class provides services related to the psychological aspects of the Ulster County Community Mental Health/ Mental Retardation Program including but not limited to evaluation, diagnosis, treatment planning, therapy, psychological test selection, administration, scoring and interpretation, community education and coordination of treatment with other agencies and professionals. Considerable leeway is allowed for the exercise of independent judgment however, the employee continues to rely on clinical direction and guidance from more experienced licensed psychologists in non-routine and difficult cases outside of the employees direct experience. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of an employee in this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Evaluates and diagnoses clients' problems and designs treatment plans;

Provides treatment using a wide range of techniques including individual, group, family and marital therapy;

Refers cases to and coordinates services with other professionals such as neurologists, allergists and specialists in speech, hearing, vision, learning disabilities and vocational rehabilitation;

Participates in community education activities including public speaking and informal contacts;

Prepares reports and other written material;

Maintains records;

Maintains competency and keeps abreast of latest developments in the mental health field by attendance of seminars and conferences and by reading books and periodicals;

Develops and maintains liaison with federal, state and local mental health agencies and with the community at large.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of personality development; good knowledge of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional and social maladjustment and deficiencies and of therapeutic techniques to treat those afflicted; good knowledge of the administration, evaluation and interpretation of psychological tests and measurements; good knowledge of the terminology of the field; good knowledge of social and health services and resources available in the community; ability to work effectively with professional associates; ability to prepare written material such as narrative reports; ability to follow oral and written directions; ability to participate in community education activities including public speaking and informal contacts; ability to establish and maintain effective liaison with federal, state and local mental

health officials and community representatives; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a Doctoral Degree in Psychology or completion of eligibility requirements to meet the professional education requirement for admission to the Psychologist licensing examination as per Section 72.1 of the New York State Commissioner of Education's regulations.

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