

## **STAFF PSYCHIATRIST, (COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Provides professional medical and psychiatric services for clients of the community mental health agency. Work is performed under the general direction of the Supervising Psychiatrist. The incumbent is permitted much latitude to exercise independent professional judgment. Supervision and training may be provided to resident psychiatrists, psychologists and other subordinate staff members. 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 in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of the social worker and the clinical psychologist;

May serve as Medical Director of a unit of mental health services, providing administrative and medical direction to staff;

May be assigned responsibility for clinical oversight of other Staff Psychiatrists within a sub-specialty area such as child psychiatry, geriatrics, substance abuse etc.;

Participates in the intake and screening process of clients;

May be required to provide after hours emergency psychiatric services;

Participates in individual, group and family therapy;

Provides chemical and physical therapy to patients;

Participates in visits to patient's place of residence;

Functions as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;

Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;

Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;

Participates in service training of various staff members;

Participates in informational/ education community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;

May provide medical/ legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Thorough professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; good knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends; the ability to supervise and instruct

staff members; the ability to develop good community relations; the ability to write clear and concise reports; the ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of a license to practice medicine in New York State; and, possession of a certificate indicating satisfactory completion of a Residency in Psychiatry.

ULSTER COUNTY  
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6911 STF PSY PT  
Classification: Non-Competitive  
Union: CSEA

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