

PSYCHOLOGIST III

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is a professional position in the Department of Mental Hygiene. The incumbent serves as the Department's Chief Psychologist. In addition, the incumbent is responsible for supervising the Family Court Forensic Team and participating in the Department's Research Committee, Quality Improvement Committee, and the Utilization Review/Patient Care Committee. This position is distinguished from Psychologist I and Psychologist II in the qualifications and the nature of the position, as it is primarily administrative and supervisory in nature. However, as a senior clinician, the incumbent may be called upon to evaluate the competence of persons per Article 7.30 of NYS Criminal Procedure Law and to assist individuals, families and/or groups as a member of DMH's Trauma Team. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Director of Community Services, with leeway in the exercise of professional methodology and judgment. An employee may be required to serve on any of the Department's standing or ad hoc committees. Supervision is exercised over less experienced professional and/or paraprofessional staff. An incumbent in this title may be required to be on call for extra duty on evenings and weekends.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Chairs the Selection Committee Meeting; prepares presentations and arranges two interviews for approximately fifty intern applicants every year;
2. Coordinates the teaching activities of DMH staff members and psychologists; teaches seminars on ethical and professional issues;
3. Supervises psychology interns in Assessment;
4. Supervises psychologists for their Post Doctoral year in order for them to obtain license;
5. Directs training activities for psychologists in DMH;
6. Reviews and edits court ordered mental health, psychological and psychiatric evaluation reports for Family Court;
7. Interprets test results and submits written reports to be included in the evaluations;
8. May be required to periodically present a case at Department-wide grand rounds;
9. Develops and maintains liaison with federal, state and local mental health agencies and with the community-at-large;
10. May act as a petitioner for the emergency hospitalization of patients;
11. May develop and implement follow-up studies to determine program effectiveness.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional, and social maladjustment and of therapeutic techniques to treat those affected; thorough knowledge of psychological tests and measurements; thorough knowledge of the terminology of the mental health field; thorough knowledge of local and regional community mental health systems; ability to work effectively with professional associates; ability to relate sympathetically to a potentially difficult patient population; ability to maintain competency and to keep abreast of latest developments in the mental health field; ability to understand the methodology and results of research projects; ability to prepare narrative reports and case histories; ability to participate in community education activities, including public speaking; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; initiative; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Current licensure as a Psychologist by the New York State Department of Education and five years of supervisory experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Incumbent must receive Certification in Clinical Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology within three years of appointment to maintain position.

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