

Specification for Class of

PSYCHOLOGIST 2

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Definition: Under supervision of higher level psychologist: performs psychological testing, personality assessment, individual and group therapy; designs and conducts limited research projects; develops and monitors training programs and behavioral modification programs; participates in formulation of interdisciplinary team recommendations.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Positions in this class are distinguished from Psychologist 1 positions by greater direct treatment responsibility and the ability to operate with a lesser degree of supervision in the areas of testing, research and basic training/behavior modification program design. Incumbents normally perform the majority of functions in the definition.

Typical Work

Evaluates patients or residents to determine mental level and emotional adjustment; makes diagnosis and prognosis;

Administers intelligence and academic achievement tests, interest inventories, and social maturity scales; makes clinical appraisal of resident; uses result to develop individual treatment programs; monitors and evaluates results of programs;

Under supervision, integrates information from professional staff, supervisors, educators and unit staff; analyzes data and writes reports; recommends residents' hall and work assignments, educational programs, and prognosis for therapy;

Consults occupational therapists, social workers, and physicians and makes recommendations for treatment; coordinates with and consults with interdisciplinary teams;

Performs individual, group, behavior and play therapy; provides short-term and emergency counseling; consults with direct care and custody staff regarding treatment of individual residents;

Trains unit staff in techniques for implementing individual training/behavioral modifications programs; monitors, evaluates and revises programs for increased effectiveness;

May serve as member of various committees;

Conducts limited research projects; assists higher level psychologist in complex, ongoing research projects;

Performs other duties as required,

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: principles of psychology; standardized psychological tests; individual and group psychotherapy; psychosocial interventions.

Ability to: administer projective tests; instruct attendants and others in psychological principles; counsel patients or residents.

Minimum Qualifications

A Master's degree in psychology from an accredited school or department of psychology and one year of supervised post-Master's degree experience in psychology.

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Revises minimum qualifications

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