

Specification for Class of

PSYCHOLOGIST 4

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Definition: Subject to review and consultation of a licensed psychologist, performs psychodiagnostic evaluations of all types of cases without limitation; conducts responsible psychological research; participates in program planning; plans and participates in training and education programs for all disciplines; provides therapeutic intervention including psychotherapy and behavior therapy.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Positions classified at this level must have incumbents who possess a doctorate in psychology from an accredited school or department of psychology. Incumbents may perform any or all of the functions in the definition. In some instances, these positions may report to other than psychology staff administratively, but review and consultation of a licensed psychologist is required.

Typical Work

Administers psychological tests covering academic achievement, social maturity, skills and interests;

Appraises personality of client from interviews, projective techniques, playroom observations and play group participation;

Provides all manner of psychosocial intervention to individuals and groups of patients and residents;

Consults staff members regarding treatment recommendations, precautions, test results, program planning, release planning and handling specific behavior disturbances;

Administers re-socialization program for chronic patients;

Plans and implements milieu programs; participates in planning ward and unit programs; assists in developing individual treatment plans;

Performs complicated research; evaluates existing programs and individual clients;

May serve as member of reception, admissions/diagnostic team or classification committee in corrections institution;

May plan curriculum and provide training or consultation to community based agencies;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: psychodiagnostic evaluation techniques, research and evaluation methods; treatment methods; personality theory.

Ability to: organize, structure and conduct therapy activities; select patients for specific therapy programs; speak and write effectively.

Minimum Qualifications

A doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited school or department of psychology.

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Revises definition and minimum qualifications, adds distinguishing characteristics