

Specification for Class of

PSYCHOLOGIST 6

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Definition: Directs and coordinates all activities, including supervision of doctoral level staff, in large psychology department having a multi-functional program; within a Division of Developmental Disabilities residential facility or Division of Mental Health hospital is responsible, institution-wide, for developing, implementing and monitoring performance standards, policies and procedures to ensure cross-unit standardization and quality control in psychological services; or plans, organizes and directs the administrative and therapeutic programs for a mental health residential facility.

Distinguishing Characteristics: Positions classified at this level must have incumbents who possess a doctorate in psychology from an accredited school or department of psychology and a license to practice psychology in the State of Washington or a state with comparable licensing laws.

Typical Work

Supervises doctoral level psychologists in an institution; directs and coordinates work of psychologists with that of other institution service programs;

Serves as psychological consultant to Clinical Director, Superintendent and medical staff on problems involving psychological services;

Plans, executes, and participates in treatment programs;

Serves as consultant to diagnostic, intake, treatment, and disposition staff;

Provides individual and group psychotherapy to patients;

Does psychodiagnostic testing of patients and employees;

Participates in training and education of institution staff in psychological field;

Interviews patients' relatives and enlists their aid in rehabilitation of patients;

Participates in clinical staff meetings;

Submits reports to superintendent on activities and problems of psychology programs;

Serves as consultant resource to Ph.D. level unit psychologists;

Designs, conducts, and analyzes research projects;

Sets standards, policies and procedures for facility-wide psychological services;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: psychological diagnosis and therapy; design and evaluation of research projects; statistics.

Ability to: administer psychology program; supervise professional psychologists.

Minimum Qualifications

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

AND

Three years of post-doctoral psychology experience, including one year of experience supervising other professional psychologists.

AND

Possession of a license to practice psychology in the State of Washington.

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