

Specification for Class of

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, CERTIFIED

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Definition: As a Certified Physician Assistant, provides direct patient care involving the interpretation of findings on the basis of general medical knowledge. Works under the supervision of a qualified physician.

Distinguishing Characteristics: A Certified Physician Assistant is distinguished from a Non-Certified Physician Assistant by the level of accountability and the type of review required by the sponsoring physician under RCW 18.71A, et. seq.

Typical Work

Subject to the supervision of an authorized physician, examines patients and diagnoses their illnesses; recommends and administers routine medical treatment; refers difficult and complex cases to the supervising physician and assists in further examination, diagnosis and treatment of such cases;

Orders and interprets laboratory examinations, analyses and X-rays; writes prescriptions; makes rounds of wards and reports on condition and progress of patients;

Assists in instructing and supervising nurses, technicians and personnel assigned for special training; attends and participates in clinics and staff conferences on surgical, medical and mental conditions of various patients and their diagnosis and treatment;

Prepares case histories, reports and related correspondence;

Performs other work as assigned.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: methods and principles of general medicine; methods of diagnosing and treating more common medical and/or mental disorders; hospital organization and procedures; social work and rehabilitation therapies.

Ability to: examine, diagnose and recommend treatment of physical diseases and deficiencies; interpret laboratory analyses and X-rays; prepare comprehensive case histories.

Minimum Qualifications

Graduation from a Physician's Assistant training program approved by the Washington State Board of Medical Examiners and Certification as a Physician Assistant by the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants will be required.

NOTE: (1) Applicants must include evidence of completion of the above training program and certification at time of application.

(2) Individuals appointed after certification from the register must be sponsored by a licensed physician representing the State of Washington and be registered or granted interim approval as a Physician Assistant by the Washington State Board of Medical Examiners prior to performing duties as a Physician Assistant. Permanent appointment will be contingent upon registration by the Washington State Board of Medical Examiners within 90 days following appointment.

New class

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