

Specification for Class of

CLINICAL DIRECTOR

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Definition: Directs and supervises a major psychiatric service in a mental hospital. A major service is defined as Adult Psychiatric Services, Forensic Services, or Geropsychiatric Services, or a physically separate wing providing two or more of these services.

Typical Work

Directs, evaluates and is accountable for all psychiatric treatment programs of one or more services;

Provides direct psychiatric treatment to patients;

Consults with and advises treatment staff; makes recommendations on possible specific treatment plans;

Participates in conferences and meetings concerning institution, division, and/or agency policy;

Checks and reviews treatment, patients' charts, and related activities for conformance with policy and to maintain standards;

Represents hospital at clinical, public, and professional meetings;

Is accountable for in-service treatment staff;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: general and psychiatric medical care; materials and treatment used in hospital care of mentally ill; related laws and regulations; hospital administration.

Ability to: direct and evaluate work of physicians and psychiatrists; diagnose and treat physical and mental illness; teach and train others; establish and maintain standards; speak and write effectively; exercise mature Judgment.

Minimum Qualifications

A valid license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Washington and certification or eligibility for certification by any specialty Medical Board recognized by the American Medical Association, to include family or general practice and two years of post eligibility practice in hospital care of mental patients.

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Revises definition

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Revises definition, minimum qualifications and title (formerly Psychiatric Clinical Director)