

CHIEF OF PSYCHIATRY (ADULT)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, incumbents of this class are responsible for planning, organizing and providing psychiatric care to adult patients requiring psychiatric treatment. Further responsibilities include formal and informal instructions to the staff and students in the field of Psychiatry. Supervision may be exercised over professional, paraprofessional and clerical support staff. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Provides psychiatric evaluations and diagnoses to assigned cases;

Delivers treatment services to patients as assigned, utilizing approved methodologies of psychiatric treatment;

Provides psychiatric consultation to the court system, probation, social service, or other county departments, as required;

Provides psychiatric consultation to referring community agencies;

Participates in pertinent medical and staff conferences;

Recommends to the Director the provision or improvements to needed services;

Prepares reports and documents patient records as required;

Provides instruction and training to interns, residents and other clinical staff;

Provides pharmacotherapy for patients seen in psychotherapy by non-psychiatric staff;

Keeps abreast of developments in the field of Psychiatry.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Comprehensive professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; thorough knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends; ability to develop good patient relations; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A Medical Degree* and completion of an approved internship and approved three year residency in psychiatry or neurology.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a license to practice medicine in New York State and either possession or eligibility for possession of a valid certificate in psychiatry issued by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.