

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent serves as staff Psychologist, rendering professional psychological service, administering all types of projective, personality, and developmental tests, including the scoring and interpretation of test results, for the purpose of developing an accurate profile of the patient. Work is performed as a member of a multi-disciplinary team composed of a psychiatrist, psychologist, and social worker responsible for a joint diagnosis and treatment of patients and is subject to regular review by professional associates through staff conferences and consultations. Supervision may be exercised over Psychology Assistants, students and interns as delegated. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Administers and interprets a wide variety of psychological tests to determine developmental levels, performance levels, emotional maladjustment, etc. for purpose of diagnosis and recommendations for treatment of patients and clients;

Interprets test results in consultation with psychiatrists and psychiatric social workers, discussing the implication of test results and participating in the determination of the treatment required as a member of a multi-disciplinary team;

Conducts interviews to determine what testing is needed;

Administers individual and group psychotherapy to patients under supervision;

Participates in research studies;

Maintains test records and prepares case reports;

Supervises Psychology Assistants and students when assigned;

Participates in diagnostic conferences.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of normal, healthy psychological development and adaptation throughout the life span; thorough knowledge of patterns of deviant adaptation and psychopathology; thorough knowledge of the social, cultural, genetic and familial factors contributing to inadequate adjustment; knowledge and skill in psychological assessment techniques including but not limited to clinical interviewing and psychometrics; ability to exercise good judgment in the analysis and treatment of individual cases as well as in the administration of psychological testing programs; ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team with other health professionals such as psychiatrists, social workers and occupational/recreational therapists; ability to work well with other disciplines; ability to present ideas and analyses effectively both orally and in writing; initiative; well adjusted personality; physical condition commensurate with the requirements of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: A Doctor of Philosophy Degree* in Psychology.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must possess and retain a license to practice psychology issued by the New York State Department of Education.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary 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.