

JUNIOR PSYCHIATRIC AIDE

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs tasks related to the basic physical and emotional care of the psychiatric patient.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under direct supervision of the nursing personnel in charge of that unit on that tour of duty or a higher authority is responsible for basic ward service, personal care and treatment of the psychiatric nursing care. Supervision is not a responsibility of this position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Obtains urine, sputum and stool specimens; takes and records temperatures, pulse, and respiration; assists in escorting patient to and from social, religious and recreational activities, etc.; assists selected patients with personal hygiene; assists with admissions, transfers and discharges; assists with food service to patients; participates in all classes, conferences, and workshops assigned.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Interest in working with hospital patients; ability to work well with others; ability to read and write; ability to follow oral and written instructions; familiarity with basic arithmetic; tact; neatness; good health.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: There are no minimum requirements for this position.