

Specification for Class of

PSYCHIATRIST 1

Abolished Effective June 1, 2005

Definition: As staff psychiatrist in mental hospital, administers psychiatric treatment to mentally ill patients.

Typical Work

Examines and diagnoses mentally ill patients; establishes treatment programs and periodically reviews patients' progress;

Prescribes, conducts, and administers group and individual psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs, psychological examinations, and electroconvulsive therapy;

Interviews, examines, and admits patients to hospital; interviews or corresponds with relatives, friends, employers, and others, on patient's background, progress, and prognosis;

Holds and participates in staff conferences with medical, nursing, and administrative staff on individual patients; general therapy program, and institution policy and practice;

Conducts or takes part in research projects related to mental illness and therapy programs;

Prepares or directs preparation and maintenance of case records and reports, admission and progress notes;

Prescribes and coordinates medical treatment program with other therapy programs; establishes and prescribes overall therapy programs for individual patients;

Performs other work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge of: methods and principles of medicine and surgery; diagnosis and treatment of mentally ill; hospital organization and procedure.

Ability to: examine for, diagnose, and treat mental and physical illness; prescribe and conduct psychotherapy and other specifics

for mental illness; interpret and analyze autopsy findings, laboratory reports, and X-rays; instruct and supervise others; develop individual psychotherapeutic programs.

Minimum Qualifications

Valid license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Washington.

AND

Completion of three-year residency in psychiatry.

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Revises minimum qualifications