



PSYCHIATRIC PHYSICIAN 1

FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION:

This is a professional medical work in the field of psychiatry. An employee in this class is responsible for the care and treatment of mentally ill or mentally retarded patients in a Mental Health/Mental Retardation related program, facility, and clinic or makes diagnoses in a diagnostic center. Duties include full professional responsibility for making the diagnosis, determining treatment methods and carrying out treatment plans. Work is performed under the general direction of higher level psychiatric physicians and is subject to review for conformance to latest psychiatric principles and techniques through staff conferences, case reports, observation during performance and evaluation of results.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

- Supervises the care and treatment of mentally ill or mentally retarded patients in Mental Health/Mental Retardation programs, facilities, inpatient units, etc., or makes diagnoses in a clinic
- Makes rounds and checks on the care and progress of treatment of patients
- Administers or directs the administration of treatments such as electrotherapy, insulin and similar or advanced techniques
- Confers with and advises members of the medical staff and allied hospital personnel, agencies, relatives and other interested persons on the care, treatment and prognosis of patients
- Instructs residents, nurses, medical students and non-professional hospital personnel in the care and treatment of the mentally ill or mentally retarded
- Attends and participates in staff conferences for the discussion of the diagnosis, treatment, parole or discharge of patients
- Performs related work as required

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Considerable knowledge of the theories, principles, practices and techniques used in the field of psychiatry
- Knowledge of mental diseases, their symptoms, treatment and social implications
- Knowledge of the theories, principles practices and techniques used in the field of neurology, general medicine and surgery
- Some knowledge of laboratory methods, equipment and techniques as they relate to the field of psychiatry
- Ability to examine patients, interpret results of findings, make decisions and to prescribe or carry out course of treatment
- Ability to gain confidence and cooperation of patients and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with various hospital personnel and the general public
- Ability to instruct residents, nurses, allied hospital or volunteer personnel in the latest treatment principles and techniques used in the field of psychiatry
- Ability to follow general instructions and broad departmental or Mental Health/Mental Retardation policies in carrying out the care and treatment function.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Completion of a three year residency or training program in psychiatry which meets the certification requirements of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Possession of a license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as issued by the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure, or the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.