



# PSYCHOLOGIST 1

## FUNCTIONAL DEFINITION:

This is a professional work in the field of psychology. Employees in this class perform independent and specialized work in the clinical, vocational, educational, counseling or research areas of a psychological services program; assist an administrative superior in promoting and developing psychological services program of limited scope; or assist a higher level psychologist in the administrative coordination of a specialized segment of a small catchment area psychological services program. Supervision may be exercised over technical personnel. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level psychologist or program administrator and is subject to review through consultation and evaluation of program effectiveness.

## EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

- Selects and supervises the administration, scoring, and interpretation of a wide range of psychological tests to measure and evaluate intellectual functioning, personality structure, interest, aptitudes and related psychological factors
- Assists an administrative superior in the development of a psychological services program; assists a higher level psychologist in the administration of a functional segment of a small catchment area psychological services program
- Employs a wide range of diagnostic and therapeutic techniques with a variety of patient, clients or inmates
- Undertakes individual and group therapeutic procedures of a psychological nature in a multi-disciplinary setting
- Reviews preliminary interpretations of standard psychological tests; prepares comprehensive diagnostic and prognostic opinions
- Supervises and instructs professional, sub-professional and non-professional personnel in the theories, methods, practices and techniques employed in a psychological services program
- Assists in research projects of a psychological services program; may assume responsibility for planning, organizing and conducting a specific segment of a research project
- Performs related work as required

## REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Thorough knowledge of the principles and methods of psychology involving testing, diagnostic evaluation and psychotherapy
- Considerable knowledge of the application of psychology to individual and group behavior
- Knowledge of mental illnesses and diseases, their symptoms, treatment and social implications
- Knowledge of the principles and methods of statistical research and experimental design as applied to the field of psychology
- Ability to promote and develop psychological services programs
- Ability to administer, score and interpret psychological tests
- Ability to interpret and evaluate varied psychological data, prepare reports, and develop recommendations
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with personnel, and the general public

## QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Doctoral degree in the field of psychology or educational psychology, including a one-year internship or one year of equivalent supervised experience.