

PSYCHOLOGIST/LICENSED (CLINICAL)

DESCRIPTION: This is advanced professional psychological service work supporting a psychiatrist's clinical duties. Incumbents function as a recognized Mental Health Professional and may supervise psychologists who are not clinically certified. Performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Testifies at Mental Health Commitment Board Hearings and renders judgment as to the patient's mentally ill dangerousness.

Provides information to law enforcement as well as legal system officials.

May perform psychological evaluations of patients in emergency protective custody.

May serve as a forensic consultant in assessing emergency hold patients.

Conducts comprehensive psychological evaluations of patients incorporating intellectual neuropsychological and personality components directed towards determination of diagnosis with appropriate course of treatment without clinical supervision.

May assist the Psychology Director/Clinical Psychology Director or Psychiatrist in supervision of other psychologists, as well as other professional and paraprofessional treatment staff.

Provides psychological services to patients including observation, psychological evaluations, a review of psychological testing results, psychotherapy and treatment plan management.

Serves as a consultant to other staff in developing effective psychological treatment programs.

Serves as case manager for treatment of patients including a review of progress, revision and coordination of treatment.

Provides training to other staff psychologists in the psychological management of patients.

Assists in the establishment of psychological services for various psychiatric populations on an as needed basis.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS REQUIRED: (These may be acquired on the job and are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: hospital policies, procedures and practices governing clinical psychology; the Mental Health Commitment Boards hearing process; comprehensive psychological evaluations including neuropsychological and personality components to determine diagnosis for proper treatment.

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Ability to: train and supervise subordinates in psychological services; develop effective psychological treatment plans for patients; effective oral and written communication.

Skill in: coordinating the activities of psychological treatment programs; providing legal testimony at Mental Health Commitment Board Hearings regarding rendering judgment as to the patient's mentally ill dangerousness; analyzing the psychological status of patients and completing written psychological assessments.

ENTRY KNOWLEDGES, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS REQUIRED: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these through written, oral, performance, and/or other evaluations.)

Knowledge of: policies, procedures and practices governing clinical psychology; Mental Health Commitment Board hearing process; conducting comprehensive psychological evaluations for diagnosis and proper treatment; administration of psychological tests.

Ability to: train and supervise subordinates in psychological services; develop effective comprehensive psychological treatment plans; interpret psychological tests; effectively communicate orally and in writing.

Skill in: observing and evaluating the psychological status of patients; conducting psychotherapy groups; providing legal testimony at mental health commitment board hearings; analyzing the psychological status of patients; completing written psychological assessments.

JOB PREPARATION GUIDELINES: (Entry knowledge, abilities, and/or skills may be acquired through, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, the following coursework/training and/or experience.)

Doctorate in Psychology with clinical certification by the Nebraska Department of Health. Required clinical internship plus one year experience as a clinically certified psychologist with management experience preferred.