

PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER II

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is complex professional psychiatric social work.

Employees in this class perform the full range of complex professional duties in providing clinical treatment, including independent work in specialized areas of the profession. Employees often serve as team or group leaders over less experienced professional staff.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all the duties which may be performed.)

Performs intake interviews and clinical evaluations to diagnostically assess and determine treatment needs of clients; develops a diagnostically based treatment plan in consultation with the psychiatrist and other members of the health team.

Provides therapeutic treatment to patients, including individual psychotherapy, group therapy, family therapy, play therapy and other appropriate form of behavior modification.

Performs "crisis intervention" upon emergency and secures appropriate services as necessary.

Provides homevisits or satellite services to clients, administering the necessary treatment plans.

Consults, collaborates and coordinates with other governmental agencies and community resources regarding specific cases.

Writes progress notes and clinical notes about patient care and history to insure continuity of care and adequate follow-up treatment.

Participates in formulating program policies, procedures and other guidelines.

Serves as link between patients and community; refers patient or family to other community resources.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of psychiatric social work.

Knowledge of the dynamics of human behavior pertinent to diagnostic or treatment interviews.

Knowledge of the problems of personal and social adjustment within a psychodynamic framework.

Ability to utilize relevant personality theory, casework methods, supervision and consultation in clinical social work practice.

Ability to make work decisions in accordance with program guidelines.

Ability to interpret and apply pertinent laws, rules, regulations and other program guidelines.

Ability to function constructively under the pressures and risks involved in working with persons having complex social, physical, emotional and related problems.

Ability to prepare accurate case histories and factual reports.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to maintain records.

Skill in interviewing and development of diagnostically based treatment plans.

Skill in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

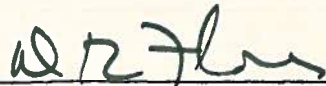
(A) Two years of experience as a Psychiatric Social Worker I or equivalent work, and graduation from a recognized school of social work with a Master's degree in psychiatric social work or related that required a clinical practicum or internship; or

(B) Any equivalent combination of experience and training beyond the Master's degree which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:

Possession of a valid driver's license.

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