

SUPERVISING PSYCHIATRIST  
(Community Mental Health)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Provides professional medical and psychiatric services in a mental health/mental retardation facility supervising staff psychiatrists and assigning patients to the various professional and non-professional staff for treatment, consultation and educational programs. The responsibilities of the position are performed under the administrative direction of the Director of Community Mental Health Services. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Engages in the diagnoses and treatment of patients;  
 Assigns patients to the appropriate treatment staff;  
 May be required to provide emergency psychiatric services during other than the normal working hours;  
 Refers patients to other professionals for appropriate treatment;  
 Plans and organizes the in-service training of professionals and non-professionals;  
 May function as the leader of interdisciplinary treatment team;  
 Promotes community mental health programs;  
 Makes reports and recommendations to practicing physicians about patients involved in the community mental health program;  
 Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;  
 May provide medical/legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings;  
 May be designated to act for the Director in his absence;  
 May act as a clinical instructor for professionals and non-professionals in assigned field studies;  
 Participates in information-educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; a thorough knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends; thorough knowledge of administrative and supervisory practices; the ability to supervise and instruct staff members; the ability to develop good community relations; an interest in developing community progress in mental health and mental retardation services; the ability to write clear and concise reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license to practice medicine in the State of New York, three years of formal or supervised training in an in-patient or out-patient mental health program, plus two additional years of clinical experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Eligibility for a license or temporary certificate to practice medicine issued by the New York State Department of Education and either possession of a valid certificate in psychiatry issued by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or proof of admission to the next written or oral test for the certificate. Possession of the license or temporary certificate to practice medicine in New York State is required at the time of appointment.

Agreed to by Municipal Service Division and Department of Mental Hygiene Division for Local Services and are based on the license requirements of the Education Law. March 1973.