

SUPERVISING PSYCHOLOGIST

Tompkins County

Department: Mental Health Department
Classification: Competitive
Labor Grade: 19
Approved: 4
Revised: 4/82; 11/90; 6/91; 1/12
By: HH, Commissioner of Personnel

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

The applicant must possess a license or limited permit to practice psychology issued by the New York State Department of Education **AND** one year of full-time post-doctoral experience in the practice of psychology.

Tompkins County is Committed to Equity and Inclusion. We encourage those with similar values to apply.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional and administrative position involving responsibility for supervising the care and treatment of individuals in need of Mental Health Services and administering psychological testing, scoring, evaluation and interpretation of testing results and for the integration of the psychological service with the other activities of the department and Mental Health Clinic. The work is performed under the general direction of the Director of Community Mental Health Services with wide latitude allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in planning and carrying out the details of the work. The Supervising Psychologist will exercise supervision over the Children's Unit and other staff or units as assigned. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Supervises and performs psychological evaluation for diagnostic purposes, using appropriate testing devices;
Participates in patient behavior modification and shaping, rehabilitation and counseling;
Participates in the intake, screening and diagnostic activities of the clinic (exclusive of medical examinations);
Makes detailed analyses of test results, carries on necessary interviews to obtain complete information in each case and prepares diagnostic reports for case records and for presentation to staff;
Participates in staff conferences devoted to diagnoses, treatment, planning and administration;
Supervises formal training programs approved by the New York State Education Department and the American Psychology Association;
Performs research in community mental health needs;
Performs individual, group and family therapy;
May participate in various community activities;
Assists in preventive care through informational and educational community activities;
May act as an expert witness in legal matters;

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Comprehensive knowledge of methods, techniques and statistical procedures used in research;
Comprehensive knowledge of psychological tests and measurements, including the special ones used with children as well as adults;
Comprehensive knowledge of personality development and the factors which contribute to mental, emotional and social maladjustment's and deficiencies;
Good knowledge of educational disabilities and methods of remedial instructions;
Good knowledge of social casework, psychiatric terms and techniques, and pertinent knowledge of local community resources;
Ability to supervise and train others in psychology and to work effectively with associates;
Ability to exercise sound judgment in appraising situations and making decisions;
Ability to analyze and interpret statistical data;
The employee's physical condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position.

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