

**STAFF PSYCHIATRIST**  
**(Community Mental Health)**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Provides professional, medical and psychiatric services for patients in a psychiatric program; does related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Provides professional medical and psychiatric services for patients by assisting and supplementing the work of the Supervising Psychiatrist. The incumbent is permitted much latitude to exercise independent professional judgment. Supervision and training may be provided resident psychiatrists, psychologists and other subordinate staff members. In the performance of responsibilities unique to his discipline adequate guidance by a person meeting the qualifications of a Supervising Psychiatrist is required.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (Illustrative only)

- Renders psychiatric and neurological diagnostic services for patients, utilizing the contributions of the social worker and the clinical psychologist;
- Participates in the intake and screening process of patients;
- May be required to provide after-hours emergency psychiatric services;
- Participates in individual, group and family therapy;
- Provides chemical and physical therapy to patients;
- Participates in visits to patient's home;
- Functions as the leader of an interdisciplinary treatment team;
- Provides aftercare to insure continuity of service;
- Provides referral information to alternate placement facilities;
- Participates in in-service training of various trainees and non-professionals;
- Participates in information-educational community activities to further community knowledge in the detection and prevention of psychiatric disorders;
- May provide medical/legal examinations and appear as an expert witness in court proceedings.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough professional knowledge of the practice of psychiatry; good knowledge of current psychiatric treatment and trends; the ability to supervise and instruct staff members; the ability to develop good community relations; the ability to write clear and concise reports; the ability to exercise sound judgment in evaluating patient condition and making decisions on an appropriate course of treatment.

**ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** Possession of a license to practice medicine in the State of New York, three years of formal or supervised training in an in-patient mental health program plus one additional year of clinical experience.