

**STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST**  
**(Community Mental Health)**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Provides services related to the psychological aspects of a community mental health program; does related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** Provides services related to the psychological aspects of the community mental health/mental retardation program including but not limited to the selection, administration, scoring and interpretation of appropriate tests. The duties may include the supervision and training of assigned subordinate personnel. In the performance of responsibilities unique to his discipline, adequate guidance by a person meeting the qualifications of Supervising Psychologist is required.

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

- Performs psychological evaluation for diagnostic purposes using appropriate testing devices;
- Participates in behavior modifications and shaping rehabilitation and counseling;
- Assists in intake, screening and diagnostic activities of the clinic;
- Participates in staff conferences for diagnostic and recommendation of treatment for patients;
- Writes reports, case studies and maintains records;
- Advances the community mental health program by disseminating information through educational and community organizations;
- Participates in campaign to stimulate interest in the prevention and detection of mental illness including storefront collaboration with other social services, home visiting, family programs, aftercare and referral systems in participation with other professionals and non-professionals.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough knowledge of psychological tests and measurements; thorough knowledge of personality development and of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional and social maladjustment and deficiencies; a thorough knowledge of the terminology in the field; the ability to analyze and evaluate psychological test results; the ability to work effectively with professional associates; and tact in dealing with patients and their families.

**ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** Possession of a doctoral degree in psychology, granted on the basis of completion of a program of psychology registered with the department (Education) or the substantial equivalent thereof in accordance with the commissioner's (Education) regulations; and have two years of supervised employment or engagement in appropriate psychology activities satisfactory to the Board (of psychology) and in accordance with the commissioner's (Education) regulations.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:** Eligibility for a license or limited permit to practice as a psychologist in the State of New York. Possession of license is required at 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.  
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