

## PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for providing direct medical care in a public health setting under a collaborative agreement with a physician in accordance with written practice protocols. The incumbent assesses the physical and psychological status of patients by means of interview, health history, physical examinations and diagnostic tests. Consistent with the medical protocol established by the physician, the Physician's Assistant may evaluate test findings make assessments and initiate appropriate actions to facilitate the implementation of preventive and/or therapeutic plans for the continuing health care needs of the patients. The work is done under the administrative supervision of a higher level administrator. Supervision is not a regular responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: Performs physical examinations, assessment and obtains detailed medical histories from patients; Collaborates/consults with physician, as indicated; Orders laboratory tests as outlined in practice protocols; Discerns normal vs abnormal finding while assessing patients physical health; Provides appropriate treatment and makes referrals to appropriate service providers; Prescribes drug therapy in accordance with the practice agreement and practice protocols; Patient care follow-up by various means: Patient contact, follow-up visit, consultation with Medical Director, referral or compliance confirmation; Creates and maintains a variety of detailed records regarding the examination and treatment of patients including case histories and medical charts.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of preventive and prescriptive public health care; Thorough knowledge of normal and abnormal signs and symptoms relating to physical well being; Thorough knowledge of medical terminology; Good knowledge of federal, state and local laws and regulations related to public health care; Ability to perform physical examinations, assess and diagnose the physical and emotional condition of patients and prescribe an appropriate course of treatment; Ability to recognize signs and symptoms associated with changes in the physical health of patients and treat appropriately; Ability to understand and interpret complex oral instructions and/or written directions; Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; Ability to understand and empathize with the needs and concerns of others; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a current license and registration to practice as a Physician's Assistant in New York State.

NOTE: A valid New York State driver's license is required at time of appointment and maintained during employment.

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