

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF SECTION (PSYCHIATRY)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Provides psychiatric services to psychologically disturbed persons; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general direction, incumbents of this class make diagnostic evaluations, give treatment to both children and adults, and provide consultation in therapeutic and preventive psychiatry. Supervision may be exercised over other members of a multi-disciplinary treatment team.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Provides therapeutic and preventive treatment to patient suffering from psychiatric disorders;

Provides consultation to the courts, social work staff, or other agencies requiring it;

Directs and participates in diagnostic conferences;

Participates in patient case management conferences as part of a multi-disciplinary team approach;

Certifies individuals requiring in-patient hospitalization;

Participates in local planning for mental health needs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of the field of psychiatry; ability to diagnose psychiatric disorders and perform therapy; ability to work cooperatively with allied professional groups; physical condition commensurate with the requirements of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from a required medical school* and three years of approved residency training in psychiatry.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a license to practice medicine in New York State.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.