

INTERMEDIATE PSYCHIATRIC AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the supervision of a professional staff member, an incumbent of this class performs tasks related to the basic physical and emotional care of psychiatric patients. This is the training level of the Psychiatric Aide series. Work is subject to shift assignment over a 24 hour, 7 day per week period. Supervision is not a regular responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Performs tasks related to basic physical and emotional care of the psychiatric patient;

Observes, reports and records pertinent clinical information about the patient's physical and emotional condition;

Assists with admitting, transferring and discharging patients by performing clerical and transportation duties;

Assists with the restraint or seclusion of patients and carries out assignments as directed;

Responds appropriately to emergency situations;

Participates as a member of the multi-disciplinary team;

Assists in maintaining a safe, orderly environment for patients;

Maintains competence through continuing education.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Demonstrates ability to maintain good interpersonal relationships with patients and coworkers applying basic principles of psychiatric nursing care; ability to follow oral and written instructions and to communicate patient information verbally and in writing; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; ability to use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, e-mail and database software; dependable; patient; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either: (a) possession of a high school or equivalency diploma; or (b) one year of experience as a nursing aide.