

PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This work involves responsibility for assisting the physician by performing basic medical services, procedures, and tasks. Incumbents perform many medical procedures traditionally performed by a physician, which are not of a complexity to require a physician's services. Work is performed under the direction of a physician who is licensed and currently registered to practice in New York State.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

- Performs physical examinations and collects and assembles histories and clinical patient data for presentation to the physician;
- Performs hematological examinations such as hemoglobin determinations, blood counts, and similar tests;
- Performs various chemical examinations of blood as for sugar, non-protein nitrogen, and other contents;
- Performs or assists the supervising physician in a variety of diagnostic procedures such as gastric analysis, venous or arterial punctures, bone marrow examinations, lumbar punctures, and pulmonary function studies;
- Works with specialists in laboratory procedures, x-ray services, and other diagnostic and therapeutic techniques to assist the physician in appropriate medical management of the patient;
- Assists the supervising physician in a variety of patient care services such as wound suturing, cast application and removal, dressing changes, incisions and drainage;
- Follows patient's progress such as post-operative or during prolonged treatment while in or out of hospital or clinic;
- Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work.

The "**Examples of Work**" listed above are intended to show the varied activities included within the class, but should not be considered as representative of an individual Physician's Assistant. All activities and tasks performed by the Physician's Assistant are to assist the physician in the determination of the patient's diagnosis and appropriate management.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Working knowledge of appropriate basic medical and clinical sciences; working knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of the medical field of practice of employing/supervising physician; skill in performing basic laboratory tests; ability to perform specialized diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures including capability of performing complete medical history and physical examination; ability to understand and carry out verbal and written directions; ability to secure the cooperation of patients and others; ability to prepare reports; coolness in emergencies; sympathetic attitude toward people; good physical condition.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Completion of a program for the education and training of Physician's Assistants or its equivalent, approved by the New York State Education Department and current registration as a Physician's Assistant by the New York State Education Department.

1. Physician's Assistants are approved (registered) by the New York State Education Department in medicine, pediatrics, surgery, and obstetrics-gynecology in accordance with the clinical areas emphasized during the individual's education, training, and experience.

NOTE: Standards are prescribed by Section 700.2 (b) (28) and Part 707 of the New York State Hospital Code; Part 94 (Section 94.1 and 94.2) of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York; and Section 60.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.