

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

Under the direction and supervision of an Oregon licensed physician who is in active practice and good standing with the Board of Medical Examiners, the PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT provides primary health care through direct examination, treatment, and referral for services for residents of a State facility or institution.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is a single classification and not currently part of a series of classes.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.Clinical Assessment and Treatment. Typical tasks: under the supervision of a licensed physician, the Physician Assistant provides primary health care services (e.g., develops patient health care plans, manages health care during acute and chronic phases of illnesses, promotes and maintains health, prevention of illness and disability, guides and counsels individuals and families and refers to physicians and other health care providers); manages patient care from initial evaluation of health care needs through termination of treatment for a broad spectrum of human illnesses, abnormalities, and health maintenance problems; takes extensive health histories; conducts full physical examinations and formulates diagnosis and treatment plans; administers or oversees treatment and refers cases outside of his/her ability to diagnose or treat to other health care professionals and the supervising physician; may provide training and direction to others involved in health care because of specialized knowledge possessed; may order medication within scope of approved formulary.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

Employees in this class have regular in person contact with patients in order to provide primary medical care and service. There is regular contact by telephone and in person with staff physicians, nurses, and other professional and direct care staff concerning the management of the health care of the resident.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Employees in this class work under the general supervision of a physician. Work is reviewed through charting and frequent informal discussions. Work must comply with the National Commission of Physician's Assistants certification regulations, the regulations of prescription drugs and controlled substances, State communicable disease regulations, medical service policies and procedures, and agency rules and procedures.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Positions in this class are primarily found in hospitals, clinics, or other health care facilities and require the willingness to work in the environment associated with the position's location and purpose. Some positions require the willingness to work with the mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES (KSA)

Extensive knowledge of the principles, practices and concepts of primary medical care including anatomy, physiology, microbiology, pathology, nutrition, and pharmacology.

Extensive knowledge of diagnostic techniques.

Extensive knowledge of current treatment for common human diseases and disorders including; medicines commonly used.

Extensive knowledge of human behavior and normal human growth and development.

General knowledge of the risks and benefits of medications.

General knowledge of isolation techniques used in working with patients with infections or communicable diseases.

Skill in patient assessment and evaluation, including laboratory tests and appropriate diagnostic procedures.

Skill in analysis of data and problem identification.

Ability to apply required knowledge and use of sound clinical skills and judgment in the recognition, treatment and referral of routine and nonroutine medical, surgical, and psychiatric problems.

Ability to function independently with the other members of the health care team.

Ability to communicate orally and writing with a variety of individuals ranging from health care professionals to laypersons.

Some positions in this class may require one or more of the following:

Ability to work effectively with mentally retarded and developmentally disabled clients.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Registration with the Board of Medical Examiners as a physician assistant, having successfully completed an AMA approved physician assistant training courses, and having passed the examination given by the National Commission for the Certification of Physician's Assistants, or is an Oregon "grandfathered" physician assistant who has passed the National Commission for the Certification of Physician's Assistant, and have DEA registration.

NOTE: The KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS are required for initial consideration. ABILITIES may be required for initial consideration, at any time during the selection process, or during a trial service period as a final stage of the selection process. Some duties performed by positions in this class may require different KSA's. No attempt is made to describe every KSA required for **all** positions in this class. Additional KSA requirements will be explained on the recruiting announcement.

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Examples of work are typical of duties assigned to this class. No attempt is made to describe every duty performed by all positions in this class.