

PSYCHOLOGY INTERN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position is a one-year internship in the Department of Mental Hygiene for individuals who have completed the academic aspects for a doctoral degree in psychology, but must serve an internship for the completion of their doctoral program. Individuals in this position will provide services related to the psychological aspects of the community mental health/mental retardation program, including, but not limited to, the selection, administration, scoring and interpretation of appropriate tests. Work is to be performed under the guidance and direct supervision of a person meeting the qualifications of a Psychologist II. Supervision over others is not a function of this position.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Performs psychological evaluation for diagnostic purposes using appropriate testing devices;
2. Assists in the intake, screening and diagnostic activities for a community mental health program;
3. Participates in behavior modifications and shaping rehabilitation and counseling;
4. Attends staff conferences for diagnosis and recommendation of treatment for clients;
5. Writes reports, case studies and maintains records;
6. Advances the community mental health program by disseminating information through educational and community organizations;
7. Participates in campaigns to stimulate interest in the prevention and detection of mental illness;
8. Consults with other agencies and providers of mental health services;
9. Refers individual cases for other services;
10. Performs individual, group and family psychotherapy;
11. Attends training seminars on a regular basis;
12. Receives at least 2 hours of individual supervision per week;
13. Does related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of psychological tests and measurement; good knowledge of personality development and of the factors which contribute to mental, emotional and social maladjustments and deficiencies, and of therapeutic techniques to treat those afflicted; good knowledge of terminology of the field; ability to analyze and evaluate psychological test results; ability to work effectively with professional associates; ability to relate sympathetically to a potentially difficult client population; ability to compile and maintain records; ability to participate in community education activities, including public speaking; tact and courtesy in dealing with patients and their families; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

PSYCHOLOGY INTERN (Cont'd)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- EITHER: (A) Current enrollment in a doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology offered by a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university. Applicants must have completed all of the academic and practicum aspects of the doctoral program and be considered by the graduate program director to be ready to begin the pre-doctoral internship;
- OR: (B) Doctoral psychologists, graduates of a regionally accredited or New York State recognized college or university, who are trained in a different area of practice. These applicants must submit a letter from the director of their graduate psychology training program certifying that they have participated in an organized program in which the equivalent of the pre-internship preparation (academic and field experience appropriate to the applied area) has been acquired.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

Applicants must also submit: transcripts of all graduate credits; a curriculum vita; a letter from the graduate program director verifying that the applicant is a doctoral student in good standing, has completed all practicum training, and is considered to be academically prepared to begin the pre-doctoral internship; three letters of recommendation from graduate school faculty or staff at practicum training sites.

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