

ART THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work of a moderately complex and responsible nature which involves planning, organizing and developing a large variety of art activities for the mentally restored and developmentally disabled as a means of therapeutic treatment. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Associate Director, Adult Mental Retardation and Rehabilitation and/or a Senior Art Therapist. Supervision may be exercised over a number of volunteers and mental health aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Develops various art activities and conducts art therapy groups and individual art therapy sessions;

Devises special projects to meet specific needs of clients and instructs clients in art techniques;

Maintains records and makes reports;

Provides input and makes recommendations for the development of clinical evaluations of clients;

Supervises volunteers and mental health aides;

Assists in recruiting and training personnel to be involved in art activities;

Participates in staff conferences, meetings and in-service training sessions.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of art therapy, theory and practices; ability to deal patiently and effectively with mentally restored and developmentally disabled individuals of all ages; ability to express oneself effectively both orally and in writing; ability to provide work direction to others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Either:

- a) A Master's degree in Art, Art Therapy or related field; or
- b) A Bachelor's degree in Art, Art Therapy or related field and one (1) year experience in teaching art or conducting art activities.