

PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL WORKER I

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional social work involving responsibility for determining needs and providing clinical services to clients. Treatment is performed through instruction and careful review during learning sequences. A portion of the work is performed in clinics and may involve visiting clients' homes, clinics, and other locations out of the office. The work is performed under the direction of a higher-level health professional and in accordance with established policies and procedures. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Develops case histories of patients;
Interviews and observes patients, their families and other environmental factors;
Participates in staff conferences on patients;
Meets with community agencies to coordinate patient services;
Performs treatment appropriate to training;
Maintains case records;
Participates in public health social work projects;
Collaborates with doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and related health professional, as needed;
May determine financial eligibility of applicants for medical rehabilitation.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the principles, methods, procedures, and practices of social casework; good knowledge of the concepts of public health and community facilities and agencies as related to social work; ability to conduct interviews, analyze data and summarize material for case records; ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Master's degree in Social Work and possession of a valid license and current registration as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) or Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) issued by the New York State Department of Education and one (1) year of postgraduate social work experience in a health care setting.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must maintain license and registration as a LMSW or LCSW issued by the New York State Department of Education throughout the course of employment in this title.
2. Possession of a valid motor vehicle license or accessibility to transportation to meet field work requirements in an efficient and timely manner.