

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Human Resources Division

Class Description
PSYCHIATRIST

Job Purpose

Serves in the Mental Health Services Section of Student Support Services; conducts psychiatric examinations of students; provides expert consultation and assistance to school personnel, parents, and students relating to mental health problems or disorders.

Responsible to

Director, Mental Health Services

Subordinates

Classified personnel as assigned.

Functions

Essential Functions

1. Collaborates with Clinical Psychologists and Psychiatric Social Workers in diagnosing and helping students, parents, and school-based personnel to ameliorate difficulties in behavior and/or learning which are the result of mental or emotional problems.
2. Performs psychiatric examinations of students and differential diagnoses of abnormal behavior, nervous or emotional instability, suspected mental illness, or neurological disorders.
3. Consults with teachers and administrators relative to the needs of individual students.
4. Renders professional medical services in the field of psychiatry.
5. Participates in mental health consultation(s) and demonstration projects with teachers, administrators, and field staff.
6. Serves as a resource person for school nurses and other District personnel in student drug abuse and mental health programs.
7. Serves as a resource person on District committees and at school meetings which deal with mental health.
8. Participates in school workshops and in-service education programs that promote good mental health.
9. Utilizes electronic health records for documentation pertaining to programmatic requirements, and to comply with federal, state and Department of Mental Health regulations.

Other Functions

1. During periods of critical personnel shortage or other emergency situation, shall temporarily perform any duties, as directed, within the authorization of any credentials held by the incumbent which are registered with the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and which are a part of the class description requirements in effect at the time such duties are performed.
2. Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Credentials

A California Health and Development Credential authorizing the holder to serve in the capacity of psychiatrist in the public schools or a California services credential with a specialization in health authorizing the holder to serve in the capacity of psychiatrist in the public schools must be in force and on file in the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

License

1. A valid certificate verifying current license as a physician or surgeon issued by the Medical Board of California.
2. Completion of a residency approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education .
3. Eligibility for membership in the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology with specialty in Child Psychiatry.

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities, and Personal Characteristics

1. Demonstrable proficiency in applying the methods and techniques of modern psychiatry.
2. Special ability in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.
3. Understanding of the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional growth patterns of students.
4. Facility in oral and written communication.
5. Appropriate manner including poise, tact, good judgment, commitment to the mental health of students, and ability to work effectively with District personnel, parents, students, community representatives, and public agencies.

Health

Physical and mental fitness to engage in service as a psychiatric social worker as certified by a licensed physician and surgeon or medical officer pursuant to Education Code Section 44839 and evidence of freedom from active tuberculosis pursuant to Education Code Section 49406.

Special Requirements

A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California and the use of a motor vehicle, or the ability to utilize an alternative method of transportation.

NOTE: This is a Physicians Salary (J) Table classification.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions and responsibilities. The District retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time.

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