

Washington State Department of Personnel
Class Specification

FORENSIC THERAPIST SUPERVISOR

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Adopted May 12, 2011; Abolished Effective May 13, 2011

Definition:

Directs and supervises a major treatment program, such as the: Mentally Ill Offender Program, Sexual Psychopath Program, or Exceptional Resident Program at a mental health hospital treatment center for court-committed sexual or mentally ill offenders.

Typical Work:

Plans, develops and supervises program planning and development activities such as population forecasts, statistical reports, budget and personnel studies;

Prepares, presents and disseminates program guides, policies, procedures and methods for the overall operation of the center;

Coordinates facilities, resources and personnel for the efficient delivery of the several services provided by the center;

Plans, develops, coordinates and conducts program interpretation and consultation and training activities for probation and parole staff, law enforcement and correctional institution personnel or for intern trainees of various professions involved in hospital training; prepares instructional materials on the evaluation and treatment of the offender;

Plans, develops and conducts program evaluation and research activities; directs treatment for one group of offenders; conducts group psychotherapy sessions for married couples and other group and individual evaluation and therapy sessions; conducts the necessary liaison with courts, community agencies and institutions;

Represents the program at conferences and meetings;

Performs other related work as required.

Knowledge and Abilities:

Knowledge of: wide knowledge of the psychological and social rehabilitation field; agency and institutional organization, principles of program design, organization and administration, community agencies and resources; Washington State laws and procedures relevant to the commitment and treatment of adult offenders; diagnostic and treatment techniques and procedures; consultation and training methods.

Ability to: analyze, develop, coordinate, and evaluate program functions and activities; supervise and train staff, work effectively with other professional people and offenders; write and speak effectively.

Legal Requirement(s):

There may be instances where individual positions must have additional licenses or certification. It is the employer's responsibility to ensure the appropriate licenses/certifications are obtained for each position.

Desirable Qualifications:

A Doctorate in Psychiatry, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Criminology, or Law Enforcement and four years of clinical experience including two years of qualified group psychotherapy experience in a residential setting with adult or juvenile offenders, or the mentally ill, including three years of supervisory or administrative experience in a clinical setting.

OR

A Master's degree in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, Criminology, or Law Enforcement and six years of clinical experience in a residential setting for juvenile or adult offenders, or the mentally ill, including three years of supervisory or administrative experience in a clinical setting.

Note: For specific programs, specialized training and/or experience may be required for eligibility for examination or appointment.

Class Specification History:

New class Effective October 12, 1971

Revised February 15, 1974

General revision, revises definition and minimum qualifications

Revised October 11, 1985

Revises definition, minimum qualifications, title change (formerly Therapy Supervisor 4)

New class code: (formerly 36460) effective July 1, 2007