

PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Physician's Assistants are approved by the New York State Education Department in specialized programs in accordance with the clinical areas emphasized during the individual's education, training and experience. The work involves responsibility for assisting the physician by performing basic medical services, procedures and tasks. Many medical procedures traditionally performed by a physician are not of a complexity to require that the physician always perform them personally. A major purpose of persons employed in the title of Physician's Assistant is to free the time of the physician for duties requiring his/her professional medical attention. Work is performed under the direction and supervision of a physician who is licensed and currently registered to practice in New York State. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs complete physical examinations for all students participating in the program;
Performs physical examinations of all students participating in interscholastic athletics and makes decisions on readiness of athletes returning to participation of sports after injuries and acquiring full clearance from family physician;
Provides physical examinations for those students requesting working papers who are not examined by their own physician and not examined during school year;
Provides physical examinations for other students, as determined under school policy;
Observes signs and symptoms associated with changes in students physical and emotional behavior and reports same to School Physician;
Must be present and directly involved in all school immunization clinics (i.e. D.T., D.P.T., MMR and Mantoux tests);
Provides physical examinations for all bus drivers;
Receives and monitors health reports for all cafeteria workers, including physicals;
Performs pre-employment physicals for all new staff;
Obtains medical histories of pupils and staff, when necessary for proper health care or treatment;
Reviews cases with the physician to discuss findings and determines appropriate treatment;
Instructs, counsels and guides students, staff, their families and others toward the achievement of optimum health;
In collaboration with the physician, interprets public health laws governing control of communicable diseases and enforces physician's exclusion and re-admission policy containing infectious or contagious diseases;
Performs audio and visual screening, as needed;
Assists school health staff in securing remedial care for children found with physical defects;
Recommends adjustment of the educational program in accordance with the pupil's health needs;
Must be a resource person and working member of the Committee on Special Education

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the theory and practice of preventative medicine and public health care; good knowledge of normal and abnormal signs and symptoms relating to physical and emotional health; good knowledge of the routines, practices and policies of the school; working knowledge of materia-medica, dietetics, sanitation and personal hygiene; ability to perform physical examinations and to assess the physical condition of school-age youth; ability to explain or interpret instructions of a technical and professional nature; ability to deal empathetically with problems of students; ability to work well with all levels of personnel.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a Physician's Assistant Program approved by the New York State Education Department OR graduation from an equivalent program approved by the New York State Education Department **AND** current registration as a Physician's Assistant by the New York State Education Department.