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#### PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The duties involve 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. The physician's assistant acts as a member of the health care team by performing delegated medical tasks and services appropriate to the employing/supervising physician's field of practice. Work is performed under the direction and supervision of a physician who is licensed and currently registered to practice in New York State, in either the physician's office, hospital, clinic or in patient's home. The incumbent does related work as required.

#### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Performs physical examinations and collects and assembles historical and clinical patient data for presentation to the physician;  
Performs hemotological examinations such as hemoglobin determinations, blood counts and similar tests;  
Performs various chemical examinations of blood as for sugar, non-protein nitrogen, and other contents;  
Performs or assists the supervising physician in a variety of diagnostic procedures such as gastric analysis, venous or arterial punctures, bone marrow examinations; lumbar punctures and pulmonary function studies;  
Works with specialists in laboratory procedures, x-ray services and other diagnostic and therapeutic techniques to assist the physician in appropriate medical management of the patient;  
Assists the supervising physician in a variety of patient care services such as wound suturing, cast application and removal, dressing changes, incisions and drainage;  
Follows patient's progress such as post operative or during prolonged treatment while in or out of hospital or clinic;  
Prepares a variety of records and reports related to the work.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of appropriate basic medical and clinical sciences; working knowledge of principles, practices and techniques of the medical field of practices of employing/supervising physician; skill in performing basic laboratory tests; ability to perform specialized diagnostic and therapeutic medical procedures including capability of performing complete medical history and physical examination; ability to understand and carry out verbal and written directions; ability to secure the cooperation of patients and others; ability to prepare reports; coolness in emergencies; sympathetic attitude toward people; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Completion of a program for the education and training of Physician's Assistants or it's equivalent and approved by the New York State Education Department and current registration as a Physician's Assistant by the N.Y.S. Education Department.

NOTE: Standards as prescribed by Section 700.2 (b) (28) and Part 707 of the N.Y.S. Hospital Code; Part 94 (Section 94.1 and 94.2) of Title 10 (Health) of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York; and Section 60.8 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

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