

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

POSITION CODE: 08250
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under general direction, makes clinical diagnoses and signs certificates of admission for minors, persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities and/or for involuntary and court ordered admissions or transfers from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Services; testifies in court regarding findings and reasons for admission, presents certificate in court regarding the competency of a recipient who may be discharged by the court and testifies regarding same, and/or testifies in court regarding a defendant's fitness to plead, to stand trial, to be sentenced or executed.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. As a Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Human Services, evaluates recipients for purposes of emergency or involuntary admission, sign's first certificate of admission or commitment if necessary and testifies in court regarding same; assesses recipient to determine mental competency of recipient for potential discharge and testifies in court to recommend discharge or continued hospitalization; orders recipient placed into restraints or seclusion.
2. As a Clinical Psychologist in the Department of Corrections, signs the certificate of need of commitment when admitting from the Department of Corrections to the Department of Human Services as required by law, testifies in court regarding same; evaluates and assesses a defendant's fitness to enter a plea, to stand trial, to be sentenced or to be executed, or any issue related to mental illness or insanity; testifies as an expert witness concerning his/her opinion regarding the defendant's competency.
3. In addition to the above duties, exercises responsibility for selecting and administering therapeutic and research techniques for recipients exhibiting a broad range of disorders; administers, scores and interprets psychological tests; interviews and assesses recipients; provides intensive therapy to the mentally ill; conducts individual and group therapy using a variety of therapeutic techniques.

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4. In addition to the above duties, may clinically supervise, serve as designated team leader or lead worker of professional care staff with attendant duties and responsibilities.
5. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires a doctoral degree in psychology from a recognized college or university supplemented by two years of supervised experience in health services of which at least one year is post doctoral and one year is in an organized health service program; or a master's degree in psychology from a recognized college or university supplemented by at least six years of experience as a psychologist with at least two years of supervised experience in health services.

Requires licensure as a Clinical Psychologist by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Requires thorough knowledge of the theories and assumptions underlying the field of psychology.

Requires extensive knowledge of the employing agency's rules and regulations governing the field of psychology.

Requires ability to make clinical judgments regarding recipient's competency and to defend same in court testimony.

Requires ability to give, score and interpret psychological tests.

Requires ability to prepare complex written and oral reports.

In addition to having a written and spoken knowledge of the English language, candidates may be required to speak and write a foreign language at a colloquial skill level in carrying out position duties in conjunction with non-English speaking individuals.

May require ability to communicate with the visually impaired by Braille and other recognized methods and with the hearing impaired by sign language and other recognized methods.