

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN V

POSITION CODE: 27015
Effective: 5/1/10

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under the direct supervision of professional therapists, performs at a paraprofessional level in assisting professional staff in providing therapeutic treatment for individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities; assists supervisors and members of other professional disciplines in the development of social milieu and group programs for individuals; confers with supervisor regarding problem areas, recommends treatment measures, and carries out remedial programs as developed by professional staff; may assume, under close guidance, responsibility for an individual case load.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Under close supervision, may assume responsibility for an individual case load; develops, in conjunction with professional staff, treatment and/or habilitation programs and techniques; refers complex cases to supervisor for resolution.
2. Participates in assigned areas of individual therapeutic programs; observes individuals' progress, changes in condition, and changes in the relationship of individuals and groups.
3. Observes individuals in all phases of daily living activities, notes problems they encounter and discusses them with supervisor in an effort to determine what remedial measures should be taken.
4. Participates and deals with individuals in various activities in daily group situations in accordance with individuals' interest, reactions to social activity and capacity to participate.
5. Attends regularly scheduled classes conducted by various professional disciplines; participates in training activities as well as on-the-job training to increase therapeutic skills and to become more knowledgeable in methods and techniques used in the care and habilitation of individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

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6. Maintains records of individuals' social and psychological progress on a behavioral level.
7. Participates as an assistant in special studies being conducted by professional staff members.
8. Receives for purposes of career growth and opportunity training in and carries out for a period not to exceed three months duties and responsibilities of an advanced class level within the Mental Health Generalist series.
9. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to (1) two years college and successful completion of an approved training program or (2) completion of high school and one year paraprofessional experience in, or applicable to the care, treatment and habilitation of individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities and successful completion of an approved training program.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires extensive knowledge of the causes, nature, effects and treatment of mental illness and developmental disabilities and the proper methods and techniques employed in advanced or specialized personal and nursing care and habilitation of individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Requires extensive knowledge of Human Services rules and established recipient treatment and development program.

Requires ability to develop and apply skills in the development and implementation of social milieu and therapeutic treatment and/or habilitation programs for individuals.

Requires ability to provide training, instructions and functional guidance to subordinate staff members.

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.