

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

PSYCHIATRIST

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose of This Classification Specification

This classification specification is the basic authority [under Wis. Admin. Code ER 2.04] for making classification decisions relative to present and future professional positions located within the classified service which perform professional psychiatric work which requires a license to practice medicine in the State of Wisconsin. This classification specification will not specifically identify every eventuality or combination of duties and responsibilities of positions that currently exist, or those that result from changing program emphasis in the future. Rather, it is designed to serve as a framework for classification decision-making in this occupational area.

B. Inclusions

A Psychiatrist must possess a license to practice medicine in the State of Wisconsin and be Board Eligible in Psychiatry. Positions in this classification meet the definition of "physician" as defined in Chapter 448, Wis. Stats. as an individual possessing the degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy or an equivalent degree as determined by the Medical Examining Board, and holding a license granted by the Medical Examining Board. The practice of medicine and surgery is defined as: to examine into the fact, condition or cause of human health or disease, or to treat, operate, prescribe or advise for the same, by any means of instrumentality; to apply principles or techniques of medical sciences in the diagnosis or prevention of any of the conditions described above; to penetrate, pierce or sever the tissues of a human being; and to offer, undertake, attempt to do or hold oneself out in any manner as able to do any of these acts.

NOTE: Certain positions which require the possession of a license to practice medicine may also require the incumbent to possess a board certified specialty.

C. Exclusions

Excluded from this classification are the following types of positions:

1. Positions which meet the statutory definitions of supervisor and/or management as defined in Wis. Stats. 111.81(19) and (13) as interpreted and administered by the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission.
2. Positions which do not require a license to practice medicine in the State of Wisconsin.
3. Positions which, for a majority of the time, are not engaged in the provision of medical psychiatric work.

4. All other positions which are more appropriately identified by other classification specifications.

D. Entrance Into This Classification

Employees enter positions within this classification by competitive examination.

II. DEFINITION

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Positions in this classification practice psychiatric medicine through the assessment and treatment of persons having or suspected of having psychiatric disorders. The work involves the diagnosis, treatment and disposition of assigned patients to include such activities as psychiatric assessment, consultation with other medical and professional staff, prescribing medications and treatment, and documentation of treatment plans and progress achieved. The work performed is distinguished from the work of other medical physicians in that it deals with the study, treatment or prevention of mental illness. Positions allocated to this classification are generally categorized as clinical or consultative. The majority of these positions are found in state operated institutions, although some may be found in field and central administrative office settings.

Examples of Work Performed:

- Attends to psychiatric needs of residents or inmates.
- Diagnoses and treats illnesses.
- Arranges for psychiatric consultation where required.
- Provides psychiatric consultation in a specialized field.
- Prescribes medications.
- Orders laboratory work, diagnostic tests, treatments and nursing care as required.
- Develops psychiatric treatment plans and documents progress as achieved.

III. QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications required for these positions will be determined at the time of recruitment. Such determinations will be made based on an analysis of the goals and worker activities performed and by an identification of the education, training, work, or other life experience which would provide reasonable assurance that the knowledge and skills required upon appointment have been acquired.

Special Requirement: Must possess a license to practice medicine in the State of Wisconsin and be Board Eligible in Psychiatry. Certain positions in this classification may also require possession of a medical specialty which requires additional board certification.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

This classification specification was created effective November 5, 1989 as the result the Physician and Psychiatrist Personnel Management Survey. The classification was modified effective March 5, 1995 and announced in bulletin CC/SC-38. The classification was modified effective May 6, 2012 and announced in bulletin OSER-0305-MRS/SC to add language updating the licensing and residency requirements.

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