

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR, SENIOR

KIND OF WORK

Advanced work assisting in a chemical abuse counseling program.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class performs the more difficult assignments existing in a program of recovery of alcoholics and other chemically dependent persons in a state hospital. Responsibilities include working with one or more Chemical Dependency Counselors giving them benefit of his/her greater experience, counseling the more difficult patients, and aiding the Chemical Dependency Counseling Supervisor or unit director in the supervision and coordination of the unit. This employee receives minimal supervision from the unit director or Chemical Dependency Counseling Supervisor, mainly in the form of policy guidance, and is expected to carry out primary functions of the position in an independent manner.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Reviews patient progress charts making appropriate recommendations.

Conducts in-service training programs for members of the staff.

Meets with residents, both individually and in groups, and with their families to work out ways to combat reversion tendencies.

Maintains liaison with local agencies and groups whose activities are related to drug abuse programs.

Provides liaison between Chemical Dependency Counseling Supervisor or unit director and other staff.

May relieve the Chemical Dependency Counseling Supervisor in supervising the unit.

Participates in discharge planning for residents.

Confers with family or others close to resident while he/she is in treatment to keep them informed of treatment planning and progress towards recovery.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED (Those asterisked are also essential at entry and are to be used in the development of selection criteria.)

Knowledge of:

- \*Extensive knowledge of the habits and actions of alcoholics and other drug abusers.
  - \*Extensive knowledge of the techniques employed in Alcoholics Anonymous.
  - \*Considerable knowledge of the regulations and practices of a state hospital.
  - \*Extensive knowledge of a comprehensive program for the recovery of alcoholics and other drug abusers.
  - \*Considerable knowledge of the resources available inside and outside the hospital that can be used in the treatment of alcoholics and other drug abusers.
- Some knowledge of administrative and supervisory principles.

Ability to:

- \*Maintain satisfactory working relationships with clients, their families and other staff members.
- \*Understand and carry out directions from the professional staff.
- \*Communicate effectively.

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Former Title(s): Senior Counselor on  
Alcoholism  
Counselor on Alcoholism, Senior