

PHYSICIAN  
(Health Department)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is responsible professional medical work involving responsibility for planning and participating in medical care provided to clients of the County Health Department. The incumbent also provides medical consultation to Health Department staff and other community medical health care providers. Duties are performed in a clinical setting and accomplished in compliance with generally accepted standards of medical practice and in accordance with the policies and procedures of the County Health Department. The work is performed in accordance with general administrative policies of the Public Health Director with wide leeway permitted for the exercise of independent judgement in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision may be exercised over other medical staff and clerical personnel. A Physician does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Examines patients using medical instruments and equipment;
- Diagnosis and treats a variety of diseases, ailments and injuries;
- Orders a variety of diagnostic tests in order to analyze and diagnose clients' condition;
- Administers or prescribes treatments and drugs;
- Advises clients concerning diet, hygiene and methods for prevention of disease;
- Reviews health history and specific medical problems;
- Acts as a preceptor/collaborator for Nurse Practitioner and for Physician's Assistant;
- Participates in the development of medical policies and procedures;
- Prepares documentation and reports as required;
- Provides medical consultation to other medical care providers.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES,  
AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of professional medicine; good knowledge of the principles and practices of preventive medicine and public health; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with administrative officials, other medical personnel and patients; conscientiousness and thoroughness; high standard of professional ethics; good professional judgment; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Current licensure to practice medicine in New York State and two years experience as a practicing physician.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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