

PHYSICIAN**Nature of Work**

Under general direction, performs professional full-performance level work conducting physical and neurological examinations of patients in the field of a general medicine practice. Diagnoses illnesses. Directs nurses, aides and others in the care and treatment of patients. Prescribes drugs and other treatments and may testify as an expert witness as to the physical state of the patient. Work is performed in county health departments, school or correctional infirmaries, state hospitals, and rehabilitation centers. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

- Performs physical examinations, obtains medical histories and makes rounds; writes progress notes and reports on patients.
- Communicates with patients and relatives explaining the nature of the illness.
- Diagnoses physical disorders and prescribes medical treatment. Consults with other professional medical staff concerning prescribed medical treatment and issues requiring improvement in the medical program.
- Prescribes and directs various therapy activities.
- Reviews medical evidence to determine eligibility for treatment and benefits.
- Promotes good health practices and advises local personnel on health problems.
- Answers emergency calls at small institutions or when scheduled at a large hospital.
- May establish and participate in new clinics.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of current standards and practices in the field of general medicine and surgery.
- Knowledge of community health, economics, and social problems.
- Knowledge of functions and problems of organization, development, and supervision involved in administration.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of preventive medicine and of medical jurisprudence.
- Ability to deal effectively with people in medical and related professions.
- Ability to interpret medical policies, practices, and procedures to staff and the general public.
- Ability to plan and execute work effectively and maintain records and make required professional and technical reports.
- Ability to evaluate medical situations and make decisions concerning treatment.
- Ability to examine and diagnose patient, and prescribe and administer necessary treatment.

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Minimum Qualifications

TRAINING Graduation from an accredited American or foreign medical school.

EXPERIENCE One year of internship or residency at an American or Canadian hospital for those holding a degree from an American or Canadian medical school. Three years of internship or residency at an American or Canadian hospital for those holding a degree from a foreign medical school.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS Physicians must pass the Federation Licensing Examination, the National Boards or an accepted board examination. Foreign physicians must have a valid certificate from the Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates.

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