

UTAH COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE:	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT - CORRECTIONS HEALTH SERVICES
CLASS CODE:	2400
FLSA STATUS:	EXEMPT
SUPERVISORY STATUS:	NONE
EFFECTIVE DATE:	6/26/2012
DEPARTMENT:	SHERIFF

JOB SUMMARY

Under general direction of the Health Services Administrator, the contracted supervising physician, and in accordance with the Physician Assistant Medical Practice Act, provides general medical care, assessments, evaluation, and treatment to inmates incarcerated at the Utah County Security Center.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Performs physical examinations of inmates seeking medical attention to assess and evaluate clinical problems and health care needs.

Monitors ongoing patient care given by medical staff. Refers to, or arranges for, other available services to meet patients' needs when appropriate.

Maintains and updates patient charts, records, and information.

Communicates with others regarding inmates' status and progress to provide education, guidance, case management and follow-up.

Evaluates inmates requesting to be medically cleared for work programs.

Collaborates with doctors and jail administrators to develop policies, procedures and nursing protocols; provides training and ensures compliance.

Upgrades medical care continually to be consistent with standards set forth by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care Standards.

Collaborates with other departments and agencies regarding resources and services for improved patient care and staff development.

Participates in Continuous Quality Improvement Program which includes: studies, and drills related to emergency response, infection control, and to identify trends and overall quality of care.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge and Understanding of: Physician Assistant Certified techniques including assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation, and emergency resuscitation procedures.

Skill in: CPR, basic First Aid, and wound care; counseling and teaching both inmates and personnel; writing comprehensive medical and incident reports; developing, implementing, and monitoring policies, procedures, and protocol; ordering medicines and ensuring their safety.

Ability to: maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work activities; establish and maintain accurate records and files; communicate verbally and in writing; maintain mental and emotional composure in a stressful and potentially dangerous environment; detect and prevent dangerous situations.

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PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Regularly: sits at a desk or table; walks, stands, or stoops; needs to distinguish between shades of color; communicate via radios.

Occasionally: lifts or otherwise moves objects weighing up to 20 pounds; drives a motor vehicle; works for sustained periods of time maintaining concentrated attention to detail; uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity.

Accommodation may be made for some of these physical demands for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is typically performed at the Utah County Security Center (jail) in partially or fully environmentally controlled rooms. Work regularly requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, and gloves. Work regularly exposes the incumbent to noise, contagious or infectious diseases, bodily fluids and/or hazardous chemicals. Work regularly exposes the incumbent to inmates that may be angry or otherwise upset and are using vulgar/offensive language. Work occasionally exposes the incumbent to potentially hostile situations and to unknown and dangerous situations.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Completion of a master level Physician Assistant Program and three (3) years of professional Physician Assistant Certified experience **OR** Completion of a bachelor level Physician Assistant Program and five (5) years of professional Physician Assistant Certified experience. Preference may be given to applicants with experience in a corrections environment.

LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must possess a current State of Utah Physician Assistant Certified license. Applicant must possess a valid driver's license and obtain a valid State of Utah driver's license within 60 days of employment. Selected applicants are subject to, and must pass, a full background check.

This description lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbent(s) may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document and may be required to have specific job-related knowledge and skills.