

Oklahoma Department of Corrections  
Unclassified Job Descriptor

## **PSYCHIATRIST**

### **Basic Purpose:**

Under general direction, performs professional work in the diagnosis and treatment of mental health patients in a correctional facility.

### **Typical Functions:**

- Responsible for the psychiatric medical management of the inmates at the institution assigned; examines diagnoses, and treats all inmates who present signs and symptoms of mental illness; routinely re-evaluates and re-examines all inmates on psychotropic medication on a regular appropriately timed basis.
- Gives appropriate medical orders to the paraprofessional staff of health care providers and mental health personnel.
- Evaluates existing treatment programs and makes recommendation of revisions of programs.
- Assists in developing and implementing mental health policies and procedures to be used at the assigned institution; developing standards of care compatible with the standards recommended for mental health services by the American Correctional Association.
- Assists wardens, administrative, and correctional staff in the understanding and supervision of those inmates with mental health problems; and provides in-service education for other health care personnel, psychology personnel, and correctional custody officials as needed.
- Keeps abreast of modern developments in mental health treatment and remains able to set the course for a health care team.

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Knowledge of principles and practices of applied psychiatry and of the use of psycho pharmacologic medications. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; to exercise independent judgement; to analyze a situation and adopt an effective course of action; to successfully diagnose, clarify, and treat patients in an acceptable manner; and to interpret complex instructions, both oral and written.

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**Education and Experience:**

Statutorily Required: N/A

Minimum Qualifications: Licensure to practice medicine in the state of Oklahoma and be eligible or certified to practice psychiatry.