

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3156

TITLE: PHARMACIST

GRADE: S-26

DEFINITION:

Under the general supervision of a Senior Pharmacist or other medical supervisor, performs professional work in the preparation, preserving, compounding, and dispensing of drugs and medications; participates in the functions of an ambulatory clinic pharmacy unit; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This class is distinguished from the Senior Pharmacist class in that its emphasis is on direct service delivery, whereas the Senior Pharmacist performs managerial and administrative duties.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Compounds and dispenses prescriptions in a clinic ambulatory care pharmacy;
Coordinates with clinical personnel and physicians in other departments;
Provides counsel to clients regarding use of medication;
Consults with medical staff regarding appropriate and available medication;
Reviews prescriptions for interactions and dosage error;
Assists in maintaining appropriate levels of pharmaceutical supplies;
Performs all pharmacy operations in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations;
Provides guidance and assistance to personnel assigned to provide support to pharmacy operations;
Provides intravenous medications to different clinics;
Maintains accurate and up-to-date records;
Prepares for inspections;
Conducts research concerning specific medications.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of pharmacy principles, practices, and procedures;
Good knowledge of applicable General Medical Clinic regulations;
Thorough knowledge of pharmaceutical formulary systems and inventory control systems;
Ability to prepare pharmaceutical compounds on a volume basis;
Ability to interact effectively with medical staff and patients;
Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing;
Ability to establish and maintain effective and cooperative relationships with professional, administrative, and other persons working in related fields;
Ability to plan and execute work effectively.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education, experience, and training equivalent to the following:

Graduation from an accredited college or University with a Bachelors degree in Pharmacy;
PLUS one year of experience performing professional pharmacy work preparing, preserving,
compounding, and dispensing drugs and medications.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Current license to practice pharmacy in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Criminal background record check;

TB screening upon hire and annually thereafter.

Contingent upon area of assignment, some positions within this class will require a National Provider Identifier.

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