

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3174

TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICAL TECHNICIAN

GRADE: S-13

DEFINITION:

Under supervision, assists a physician and/or public health nurse by performing basic medical testing (such as venipuncture), collecting specimens, maintaining a clinic room, and conducting patient health screenings in an efficient manner; and performs related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

This is a technical paramedical class. Work is performed under the direction or supervision of a professional registered nurse, a Senior Public Health Clinical Technician, or a licensed physician.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

Provides technical paramedical services to individuals and/or families in clinics, ambulatory care centers, offices, or community settings;

Performs appropriate height, weight, and head circumference measurements;

Performs Snellen (eye chart), Ishihara vision (color), and audio (hearing) testing;

Performs necessary laboratory tests and/or specimen collections per agency protocol (e.g., venipuncture; finger, foot, and heel stick;

blood pressure checks; and urine testing);

Records and reports testing and specimen collection findings;

Prepares lab specimens collected for shipment to other labs;

Maintains a neat clinic area, assuring supply room is properly stocked and organized and that equipment is cleaned, sterilized and maintained in good working order.

Under the direction of a physician, as authorized by the Medical Practice Act:

Solicits contraindications and medical history prior to an injection;

Administers medications and performs treatments;

Administers immunizations.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of the standard procedures for performing hearing, vision, EKG, PFT, and other tests;

Skill in performing technical medical procedures (e.g., injections, venipuncture, blood pressure screening);

Ability to perform CPR or perform emergency treatment for life-threatening conditions;

Ability to perform a variety of clinical tests and record the results;

Ability to identify questionable test findings;

Ability to elicit sufficient pertinent medical information from a client and record a medical history that is complete and accurate;

Ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with clients and staff members.

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EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Graduation from a clinical technician training program, such as that provided by the armed services; PLUS

One year of experience as a clinical technician.

CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:

Contingent upon area of assignment, some positions may require possession of a valid Motor Vehicle Driver's License.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Contingent upon area of assignment, some positions may be required to successfully complete a state criminal history record check prior to appointment.

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