

CATEGORY: 180  
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## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

### CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Level: 05  
Mid Level: 06  
Maximum Level: 07

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Clinical psychologists are involved in professional work relating to the behavior, capacities, traits, interests, and activities of individuals and groups. Clinical psychologists are responsible for psychological assessment, evaluation and treatment of patients with problems of personality, emotional adjustment, mental illness or substance abuse. A clinical psychologist assigned to an area, agency, school, or educational facility provides clinical psychology services to students with acute, chronic or severe substance abuse problems. In this setting, clinical psychologists are concerned with the student's problems of adjustment to their abuse through counseling and by the use of psychotherapeutic techniques. Clinical psychologists perform psychotherapy with students in individual or group sessions using one or more therapeutic techniques including analytic, existential, nondirective, behavior modification, etc. Another function of a clinical psychologist is in the administration and interpretation of psychological tests, which are used for diagnosing mental and personality disorders associated with substance abuse and for differentiating between organic and functional causes of substance abuse. Data derived from psychological tests are used to determine physical and psychological diagnoses. Psychologists commonly participate in a patient-care team, which may include a physician, social worker, counselor, and others. This team determines the course and nature of a patient's program of substance abuse rehabilitation.

### LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. **05 Level** – The clinical psychologist has a full professional responsibility in the work area assigned, but typically works under the guidance and review of more experienced psychologists.

Assignments include the following:

- Perform psychological assessment and diagnosis.
- Provide treatment plan and services.
- Participate in patient-care team involving diagnosis, treatment, and progress of students.
- Testing and assessment of personality as it relates to substance abuse.
- Conducts individual and group psychotherapy sessions.
- Provides consultation on psychological matters to other professional, parents, patrons, and pupils.
- Uses a full range of diagnostic tests for assessment and employ generally accepted psychotherapy techniques.

**B. 06 Level** - The clinical psychologist, provides psycho-diagnosis and psychotherapy at a level of professional maturity for the full range of substance abuse patients normally found in an educational or institutional setting.

Assignments, in addition to A. above, include:

- Using any therapeutic approach or combination of techniques indicated by the specific need of the student.
- Participates as a full member of the patient-care team presenting diagnostic and treatment recommendations to the professional team.
- Organizing, structuring, and conducting individual and group therapy sessions.

**C. 07 Level** - The clinical psychologist, has overall responsibility for providing the full range of services to students with problems of substance abuse.

In addition to the responsibilities of Level 03 and 04, the clinical psychologist also:

- Serves as consultant to other clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, neurologists, social workers, counselors, principals, and teachers.
- Promotes and preserves a psychotherapeutic atmosphere among the professional staff working with substance abuse students.
- Advises all levels of professional staff concerning psychological characteristics and behavior changes of clients.
- May be responsible for training, program coordination, research or consultation as they relate to the substance abuse program.

**BASIC EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

Pay Level	05	06	07
Education	*Ph. D.	*Ph. D.	*Ph. D.
Experience (years)	0	1 year	3 years

\* or equivalent

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Good distance in one eye and ability to read without strain printed materials the size of typewritten characters is required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required; except that some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf. In most instances, an amputation of arm, leg, or foot will not disqualify an applicant for appointment, although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, the applicant must possess emotional and mental stability. Incumbent must have a valid State and Government driver's license.