

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)
CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION

<u>CLASSIFICATION SERIES:</u> Pharmacologist
<u>MAJOR AGENCIES:</u> Human Services, Mental Health

<u>SERIES NO.:</u> 6542
<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the pharmacologist occupation is to provide drug information & consultation services, in writing or verbally, to requesting medical, pharmacy & nursing professionals who work in operating agencies, institutions, community mental health centers & community clinics, or to review & approve/deny pharmaceutical prior authorization requests from & provide advice to providers participating in state &/or federally funded medical program.

CLASS TITLE
Pharmacologist

CLASS NUMBER:
65421

EFFECTIVE DATE
08/06/1995

CLASS CONCEPT:

The expert level class works under direction & requires extensive knowledge of pharmaceuticals & disease states in order to provide information & consultation services upon request from medical, pharmacy & nursing professionals who work in operating agencies, institutions, community mental health centers & community clinics, or to review & approve/deny pharmaceutical prior authorization requests from & provide advice to providers in state &/or federally funded medical program.

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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

Provides specialized pharmaceutical information & consultation services &/or reviews pharmaceutical prior authorizations for approval/denial, in writing & verbally, to medical, pharmacy & nursing professionals who work in operating agencies, institutions, community mental health centers & community clinics or to providers participating in state &/or federally funded medical program on any aspects of drug therapy including but not limited to indications, drug of choice, adverse effects, monitoring, pharmacokinetics, appropriate use dosage & administration & drug interactions (e.g., assembles periodic mailings to all facilities & community mental health centers; prepares written background information on new drugs requested for stocking at Pharmacy Service Center; maintains information on product labeling & distributes copies of package inserts for medications repackaged by Pharmacy Service Center to using institutions & checks labels for drugs repackaged by Pharmacy Service Center; contacts physicians, pharmacists & other health care workers as needed regarding patient medical records or prescription information).

Presents &/or assists in presenting in-service training to case managers & professional staff of community mental health centers on use & side effects of psychotropic medications; prepares in-service training & presentations for various groups upon request; assists in planning continuing education programs for State Employed Pharmacists' Association & maintains related records & documentation; maintains resources of Drug Information Service (e.g., evaluates literature; orders periodicals & references; maintains extensive drug information files on all medications used in state facilities).

Provides technical assistance to department in development & implementation of medication-related policies & procedures; participates on committee for evaluation of pharmacy computer system; participates in other projects related to Pharmacy Service Center (e.g., drug audit; dispensing out-patient prescriptions).

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of pharmacology & disease states; practice of pharmacy; public relations; pharmaceutical research & records maintenance; employee training & development*. Ability to interpret extensive variety of technical material in books, journals & manuals; gather, collate & classify information about data, people or things; prepare & present educational material for specialized audiences & health professionals; handle routine & sensitive inquiries from & contacts with medical, pharmacy & nursing professionals & officials of agencies, community mental health centers & community clinic. (*)Developed after employment.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

Licensed to practice pharmacy as issued by State Board of Pharmacy, pursuant to Section 4729.12 of Revised Code; 2 yrs. exp. as licensed pharmacist.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Continuing pharmacy education as required in Section 4729.12 of Ohio Revised Code & Sections 4729-7-01 through 4729-7-07 of Ohio Administrative Code.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

May be required to travel.