## Series Purpose:
The purpose of the podiatric occupation is to provide specialized medical care for acute & chronic ailments of feet.

At the full performance level, incumbents examine, diagnose, evaluate & treat acute & chronic ailments of feet by administering & prescribing podiatric treatment.

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**Effective Date:**
04/04/2004

**Class Concept:**
The full performance level class works under general direction & requires extensive knowledge of podiatric medicine in order to examine, diagnose, evaluate & treat acute & chronic ailments of feet by administering & prescribing podiatric treatment.
CLASS TITLE: Podiatrist
CLASS NUMBER: 65391
BARGAINING UNIT: 11

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/04/2004
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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.)
Examine, diagnose, evaluate and treat acute and chronic ailments of feet (e.g., sprains, tumors, ulcerations, nail diseases, stress fractures, pes cavus, pes planus, luxations, infections, congenital deformities; nail avulsion, incision & drainage of abscesses, paronychia & momstasmas; dermatological abnormalities, vascular abnormalities, neurological defects, muscular-skeletal deformities & biochemical abnormalities; infectious &/or fungal diseases) by administering & prescribing podiatric treatment (e.g., palliative reduction, surgery, orthopedic methods, topical medications, antibiotics & corrective or therapeutic shoes; treats acute & chronic ailments of feet; orders non-formulary drugs, X-rays & radiological evaluations & other diagnostic tests; performs onsite treatments & minor surgery; administers anesthesia), assesses patient condition to include diabetes, poor immune systems, hygiene & ulceration & determines appropriate therapy to include prescription of antibiotics, topical steroids, topical anti-fungal, dressings, injections & minor surgery, orders X-rays & reviews X-ray reports from radiologist & recommends appropriate treatment (e.g., casting boots, post operation surgical shoes &/or ankle/foot orthodontics) & collaborates with other physicians, registered nurses, social workers & medical director in development & implementation of treatments plans.

Plans, directs & implements preventative medicine programs of consumer care for podiatry clinics & foot hygiene, monitors podiatry budgets, plans, coordinates & schedules treatments for podiatry treatment area; writes & updates medical reports for consumers treated; charts consumers' progress & prescribes medication; Maintains appointments & teaching schedules; maintains inventory of supplies & medications; explains, interprets & enforces policy & methods regarding infectious disease, (i.e., OSHA, HIPPA, TCAWO regulations); consults with physicians, psychiatrists, treatment team members, psychologists, & medical director regarding treatment & preventative medical treatment & desired hygiene; treats patients referred by internal medicine, clinic staff or direct patient request.

Coordinates preventative medicine to prevent amputation or possible loss of life; trains nurses on dressing foot wounds; develops course material in accordance with curriculum requirements; instructs, communicates with & serves as lead worker to registered nurses, licensed practical nurses & therapeutic program workers regarding effectiveness, frequency & duration of treatment such as changing dressing, medication & hygiene.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:
Knowledge of podiatric medicine; federal & state laws, rules & regulations governing practice of podiatry; technical writing; employee training & development; Skill in use of scalpel & hand drill, dermal & nail nippers. Ability to handle sensitive contacts with mentally ill patients, deal with many variables & determine specific course of action; comprehend & discuss highly specialized material; gather, collate & classify information about data, people or things; develop good rapport with patients; develop complex reports & position papers; use research methods in gathering data; demonstrate manual dexterity in finger & hands in use of scalpel & hand drill, dermal & nail clippers.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:
Certificate to practice podiatry, per Section 4731.56 of Revised Code.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:
Biannual renewal of license with required 100 hours of continuing education.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:
Exposed to infectious diseases (e.g., AIDS/HIV positive, TB, Syphilis), accidental needle sticks, blood splattering, scalpel mishandling; exposed to inhalation of fungal debris when debreading infected nails; exposed to violent & loud patients; works rotating shifts; on-call weekends & evenings; exposed to confined work areas; exposed to risk of accidental needle sticks; exposed to stress of patients who wander into treatment areas; exposed to extremely poor hygiene/odors/body fluids of patients in an institutional setting.