

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs professional medical services in the examination and care of school children; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is responsible professional work performed with considerable leeway for the exercise of independent judgment in the examination and treatment of individual students. Duties are performed according to established medical procedures and objectives outlined by school authorities. A school physician assumes final responsibility for all professional medical work done.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Makes periodic examinations of school children to detect the presence of contagious diseases and physical defects;
- Advises parents and other physicians regarding the correction of such defects;
- Advises teachers on the teaching of general public health courses;
- Handles emergency cases arising in school children;
- Conducts school clinics.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of medicine; good knowledge of the principles and practices of public health, epidemiology and child health; ability to get along well with children; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relations with teachers and the general public; conscientiousness and thoroughness; neatness; interest in maintaining a high standard of professional ethics; good physical condition.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Four years of experience as a practicing physician; or any equivalent combination of experience and training.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS: Eligibility for a license to practice medicine in New York State.