Physician Assistant

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	4440	B29	$101,860 - $172,272

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs complex (journey-level) health care services under the supervision of a physician, including conducting physical exams, providing treatment, and counseling patients. Works under general supervision, with moderate latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Conducts examinations of patients to obtain information about their physical conditions.

Provides treatment to patients by making tentative diagnoses and decisions following patients' examinations.

Provides physicians with assistance during surgery or complicated medical procedures.

Performs therapeutic procedures, such as injections, immunizations, suturing, wound care, and infection management.

Obtains, compiles, and records patients' medical data, including health history, progress notes, and results of physical examination.

Administers or orders diagnostic tests, such as x-rays, electrocardiograms, and laboratory tests.

Interprets diagnostic test results for deviations from normal.

Counsels and instructs patients about prescribed therapeutic regimens, normal growth and development, family planning, emotional problems of daily living, and health maintenance.

Consults with supervising physicians, specialists, and other health professionals as appropriate.

Visits and observes patients, updates charts, orders therapy, and reports back to physician.

Orders medical and laboratory supplies and equipment.

May prescribe medication under a prescriptive delegation agreement with supervising physician.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience with physician assistance work. Graduation from an accredited educational program for physician assistants.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of methods and procedures in the field of general medicine and the principles of the development, implementation, and documentation of individualized care and treatment plans.

Skill in the care and treatment of patients, in the use of medical diagnostic and treatment tools and equipment, and in the operation of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to examine, diagnose, and treat physical or mental disorders; to interpret laboratory analyses and x-rays; to perform surgical procedures; and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as a physician assistant by the State of Texas in accordance with Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 204 and Title 22, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 183.