



Physician Assistant

Salary Group: B27

Class Code: 4440

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS CODE</u>	<u>SALARY GROUP</u>	<u>SALARY RANGE</u>
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	4440	B27	\$76,356 - \$129,137

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs advanced (senior-level) health care services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Work involves conducting complete physicals, providing treatment, and counseling patients. May supervise the work of others. 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.

Prescribes therapy or medication with physician approval.

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.

May supervise the work of others.

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 of 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; to communicate effectively; and to supervise the work of others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must be licensed as a physician assistant by the State of Texas.