

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY
STAFF JOB CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION**

TITLE: Physician Assistant

EEO CATEGORY: Professional

JOB NUMBER: 0-3360

STATUS & GRADE: E-24

DATE: 02/2008

DEPARTMENT: University Health Center

EDUCATIONAL & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT: Graduation from an approved Physician Assistant program (Bachelor's degree) and current Licensure as a Physician Assistant from the Texas State Medical Board. Must have prescriptive rights. A minimum of two (2) years of experience is required with clinic or large practice experience would be helpful. Or a combination of education, experience, and training that would produce the required knowledge and abilities.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF POSITION: To provide primary health care by evaluating, treating, and managing basic medical problems; by conducting medical examinations, ordering appropriate laboratory tests; suturing; and, appropriate health care counseling/education.

SUPERVISION GIVEN & RECEIVED: Minimum clinical supervision from Physician as required. Chart review by Physician as required by regulation. Overall administrative direction from the Director.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: Participates as a member of the clinical care team. Examines, evaluates, diagnoses and treats acute and chronic conditions in a concise and expeditious manner according to established protocol standards of care and physician oversight. Specifically, assesses, interprets, evaluates patient status and formulates and initiates a health care plan. Initiates patient communication and education as well as referral and urgent care. Consults with and provides guidance for nursing staff and ancillary employees. Performs other related duties as assigned.

OTHER SPECIFICATIONS: Must be extremely adept in the ability to read, write, and speak effectively with medical facilities, students, parents, other university departments, outside agencies and visitors. Must be able to establish rapport with coworkers and patients. Must be able to work under pressure and to be able to expedite a large number of patients when necessary. Requires some physical stamina, due to a fast pace and considerable standing, stooping, and walking.

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