

# Florida State Courts System Class Specification

## Class Title: Senior Psychologist

Class Code: 7800

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### General Description

The essential function of the position within the organization is to perform court-ordered competency evaluations. The position is responsible for completing competency evaluations, performing involuntary hospitalization evaluations, testifying in court regarding evaluations, and preparing reports. The position works independently, reporting major activities through periodic meetings.

### Examples of Work Performed

(Note: The examples of work as listed in this class specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment to the position.)

Completes competency evaluations, conducting clinical interviews using competency evaluation standard; speaks with individuals clinically knowledgeable about client and formulates opinion for court.

Identifies psychological, emotional, or behavioral issues, and diagnoses disorders using information obtained from interviews, tests, records and reference materials.

Makes court appearances as required to testify regarding competency evaluations of clients.

Completes involuntary hospitalization evaluations to establish whether a person should be hospitalized involuntarily.

Performs clerical tasks such as making telephone contacts to exchange information, maintaining records/files, or preparing correspondence.

Engages in clinical consultations with judges, case managers or other clinical professionals; expresses clinical opinions to judges, clinicians and others involved with the client.

Gathers information/data to support periodic and special reports documenting activities for the area of responsibility; submits reports to appropriate persons or agencies.

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Attends staff meetings to exchange information; attends professional seminars or conferences to improve professional skills.

### **Competencies**

#### **Data Responsibility:**

Refers to information, knowledge, and conceptions obtained by observation, investigation, interpretation, visualization, and mental creation. Data are intangible and include numbers, words, symbols, ideas, concepts, and oral verbalizations.

Directs others in major events and reports on activities and results.

#### **People Responsibility:**

Refers to individuals who have contact with or are influenced by the position.

Instructs or trains others through explanation, demonstration, and supervised practice, or by making recommendations on the basis of technical disciplines.

#### **Assets Responsibility:**

Refers to the responsibility for achieving economies or preventing loss within the organization.

Requires minimum responsibility for only small quantities of low cost items or supplies where opportunities for achieving economies or preventing loss are negligible.

#### **Mathematical Requirements:**

Deals with quantities, magnitudes, and forms and their relationships and attributes by the use of numbers and symbols.

Uses advanced algebra working with exponents and logarithms or linear quadratic equations; analytic geometry; and/or statistics, applying mathematical operations to frequency distribution, reliability and validity, analysis of variance, or correlation techniques.

#### **Communications Requirements:**

Involves the ability to read, write, and speak.

Reads scientific and technical journals, abstracts, financial reports, and legal documents; writes complex articles and reports; makes presentations to professional groups.

#### **Complexity of Work:**

Addresses the analysis, initiative, ingenuity, creativity, and concentration required by the position and the presence of any unusual pressures.

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Performs work involving the application of logical principles and thinking to solve practical problems within or applying to a unit or division of the organization; requires continuous, close attention for accurate results and frequent exposure to unusual pressure.

### **Impact of Decisions:**

Refers to consequences such as damage to property, loss of data or property, exposure of the organization to legal liability, or injury or death to individuals.

Makes decisions with moderately serious impact - affects work unit and may affect other units or citizens.

### **Equipment Usage:**

Refers to inanimate objects such as substances, materials, machines, tools, equipment, work aids, or products. A thing is tangible and has shape, form, and other physical characteristics.

Handles machines, tools, equipment, or work aids involving some latitude for judgment regarding attainment of standard or in selecting appropriate items, such as computer, Dictaphone or copy machine.

### **Safety of Others:**

Refers to the responsibility for other people's safety, either inherent in the job or to assure the safety of the general public.

Requires some responsibility for safety and health of others and/or for occasional enforcement of the standards of public safety or health.

## **Education and Experience Guidelines**

### **Education:**

Refers to job specific training and education that is recommended for entry into the position. Additional relevant experience may substitute for the recommended educational level on a year-for-year basis.

Medical doctor or doctorate degree in psychology or a closely related field.

### **Experience:**

Refers to the amount of related work experience that is recommended for entry into the position that would result in reasonable expectation that the person can perform the required tasks. Additional relevant education may substitute for the recommended experience on a year-for-year basis, excluding supervisory experience.

Eight years of related experience.

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### **Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations Required:**

Refers to professional, state, or federal licenses, certifications, or registrations required to enter the position.

Requires State of Florida Psychologist licensure.