



Pennington County

Detox Technician I

(Non-Exempt B21)

Position Objective:

The Detox Tech performs all duties relevant to providing direct care for individuals receiving detoxification, alcohol/drug addiction treatment, or mental health crisis care services; or using safe solutions. Detox Techs are responsible for maintaining a therapeutically safe and secure environment through close and courteous interactions with clients that may be intoxicated, withdrawing, or in mental health crisis in normal and potentially volatile circumstances. Detox Techs are required to handle multiple tasks occasionally under high stress conditions.

Essential Functions:

- Maintaining professional boundaries with clients while role modeling appropriate behavior by treating all with respect and dignity
- Completing admission and discharge process of clients
- Helping intoxicated clients with changing out of their clothes and into facility issued clothing and assisting showering incapacitated clients who have vomited or soiled themselves.
- Performing person, property, and facility searches for contraband
- Inventorying, documenting, and securing client personal property
- Orienting clients to facility rules, expectations, schedules; and completing required paperwork
- Performing rounds and visual checks on clients in assigned locations
- Providing direct supervision for all clients participating in all services to include monitoring for behavioral needs/changes, medical or mental health symptoms, and /or compliance with work assignment and individual treatment plans
- Encouraging rules and program compliance through positive incentives and applying disciplinary consequences as needed
- Charting, logging, and recording client and facility information utilizing agency computers and record keeping systems
- Completing detailed incident reports as required
- Intervening in disruptive and dangerous client behavior, utilizing verbal de-escalation skills and acting as a member of response team able to physically restrain out-of-control clients
- Responding to medical and mental health emergencies
- Performing close watch on suicidal clients
- Answering crisis telephone calls from the public; making referrals to Qualified Mental Health Professional or other community services
- Administering approved medications and documenting same
- Taking and recording client vitals
- Assisting EMT or Nurse in providing medical care to clients
- Administering breathalyzer (PBT) and Urine Analysis (UA) tests and reporting and recording test results
- Handling and recording monetary transactions for client co-pays
- Transporting clients to outside appointments utilizing agency vehicles
- Assisting with inventory management and storage of equipment and supplies
- Completing housekeeping and routine maintenance of wards, dayrooms, restrooms, showers and staff areas as needed

- Laundering client clothing, bedding, and other items as needed
- Attending and participating in shift briefings, staff meetings, and training as assigned
- Adhering to all policies and procedures and maintaining the integrity, professionalism, values and goals of the Sheriff's Office
- Contributing to the team effort by accomplishing other duties as assigned

This job specification should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive duties of the position. Incumbents may be required to follow any other instructions, and to perform any other related duties, as may be required.

Experience and/or Education Required:

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid South Dakota Driver's License within 90 days of moving to South Dakota.

Working Environment:

The work is typically performed in an office. The work requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, gloves, etc.

Physical Requirements:

The Detox Tech can expect to frequently stoop, kneel, crouch, stand, climb stairs, walk, and sit. Other physical demands include periodic high levels of exertion in the form of unarmed self-defense and lifting and/or moving more than 50 pounds. Detox Tech must possess sufficient physical capability to overcome and restrain a combative or resistive individual.