

CHAPLAIN

GENERAL

This is responsible counselling work to meet the needs of patients in mental hospitals or inmates of provincial correctional institutions. His primary function is to provide a counselling-oriented ministry based on his religious bias but without an emphasis on serving the religious needs of the patients or inmates. He is responsible for initial interviews and individual and group counselling. He is expected to interpret his functions in the hospital or correctional institution to other staff engaged in similar activities. He is expected to establish good public relations within the community outside the institution and utilize what exterior community resources are available for the extension of his ministry. Limited supervision is received from the Director of Mental Health and Corrections Services or the institution's medical superintendent.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Provides a spiritual ministry to patients or inmates.

Conducts initial interviews with patients or inmates.

May supervise and co-ordinate the chaplaincy services of a particular religious denomination throughout the Province.

Maintains good public relations by talking to Church and community groups.

May act as group or study leader.

May conduct worship services.

Interprets to the community the work of the Institution and the relationship of religion to the problems of the patients or inmates.

Provides individual and group counselling.

Works with clergy of all denominations in the community.

Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge, Abilities and Skills

Must have maturity of experience in dealing with people.

Must have the ability to supervise and co-ordinate part-time chaplains.

Should have the ability to supervise students in clinical pastoral training.

Must possess a high degree of tact in dealing with patients or inmates and other institutional personnel of all religious faiths.

Must have the ability to maintain good relationships and to work smoothly with clergy of all denominations and other interested groups or agencies.

Education, Training and Experience

Graduation from both a nationally recognized university and a theological college; fully ordained and in good standing with his Denomination; recommendation and approval of the church authority in the locality where the institution is located; minimum of three years' full time parochial experience; minimum of six months clinical pastoral training.

Physical Standards

Physically capable of performing the duties assigned.