

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

A College of Engineering, Management, Science, and Transportation

SHIP'S SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER

POSITION OVERVIEW

The ship's Senior Medical Officer is responsible for the basic, emergency and primary care medical treatment of the crew, staff and students while underway onboard the Training Ship State of Maine (TSSOM). The Senior Medical Officer directly supervises the ship's nurse(s), Medics and Emergency Medical Technicians as assigned.

DUTIES

- Provides onboard medical care and treatment for the crew and students
- Oversees the functioning of the on-board medical center and supervises any additional medical staff
- Responsibilities include providing patient care both in the ships medical center and on-site emergencies as the situation dictates on board.
- Complies with maritime and ship rules, regulations, and procedures.

The statements above reflect the general details considered necessary to describe the principal functions of the job as identified, and shall not be considered as a detailed description of all work requirements that may be inherent in the position.

SKILLS

- Knowledge of and familiarity with all shipboard medical equipment
- Able to operate and maintain medical equipment
- Some experience or willingness to learn simple lab procedures i.e. strep screens, urine dips
- Ability to work with people of different nationalities in a close intense environment, while providing effective leadership
- Ability to treat and stabilize critically ill or injured patients, including but not limited to: chest tube placement, intubation, suturing, reduction of dislocated hips or shoulders, EKG interpretation
- Ability to efficiently conduct busy outpatient clinic and document appropriately and completely
- Ability to function with some autonomy in dispensing medications, doing procedures and providing appropriate patient teaching
- Ability to perform CPR
- Commitment to service
- Collaborative and cooperative approach to leadership and management
- Managerial, organizational, analytic, and problem-solving skills
- Ability to facilitate productive meetings and work successfully in a team-oriented environment

- Ability to exercise sound judgement in complex situations
- Ability to maintain composure in stressful situations

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate of an accredited medical program, with a current Medical Doctor, Family Nurse Practitioner, or Physician's Assistant license in the United States. Must be able to obtain licensure in Maine.
- Must be fluent in English
- Certification in Emergency Medicine (preferred) or in Internal Medicine or Family Practice with emergency experience
- Current ACLS certification; ATLS certification preferred
- Candidate must pass a pre-employment physical examination, drug test and be deemed fit for duty at sea.
- Basic computer knowledge and proficiency is required
- Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) with Medical Person in Charge endorsement.
- MMC STCW endorsement for "Basic Training" VI/1
- MMC STCW endorsement for "Security Awareness (PSA)" A-VI/6-1
- Valid US Passport
- Transportation Worker Identification Card (TWIC)

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

While performing the duties of this job, this employee may:

- Be exposed to extremes in weather onboard ship, including rain, sleet, snow, turbulent seas
- Regularly sit, walk through narrow passages, climb multiple flights of stairs
- Use hands to manipulate objects, tools or control medical devices
- Reach with arms and hands
- With assistance, lift and move patients

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