Forensic Psychiatrist Job Description

- Evaluates the client's mental status, defines the problem, and determines the course of action
- Makes clinical observations and collects information on history, personality development, behavior, social environment, and family interactions, which may be relevant to assessment of personality disorders or psychiatric illness in order to develop a more complete profile of the client's life history
- Collects information from collateral sources and history on client's family and background
- Evaluates the client for admission to hospital for an evaluation of mental health
- Collects information from collateral sources and history on client's family and background, interviews the social worker, mental health professionals, as well as family members as necessary
- Conducts assessment of the problem and makes diagnosis of the client's problem or illness
- Advises or recommends specific treatment or treatment plan based on diagnosis of the client's problem or illness
- Evaluates the client for benefits and potential services, treatment and referrals
- Provides clinical assessment services to all clients based on individual need for treatment, evaluation for release to community, placement into hospital care in a secure facility such as a psychiatric ward
- Gives support to the client, family members, carers, and other mental health service workers.