

The Personal Support Specialist Responsibilities

- Work Management Skills
 - Collaboration
- The PSS... 8 Hour orientation material
- Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with all levels of personnel.
 - Understands and appreciates the different views, expertise, and experience of others; understands the perspectives and limitations of other individuals and systems.
 - Identifies and understands what resources are available and seeks guidance when needed.
 - Uses own support network (including supervisor) appropriately to get feedback and process issues.

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- Work Management Skills
 - Organization
- The PSS...
- Plans work activities to ensure services are provided at the appropriate times.
 - Gathers supplies and materials needed to provide services in a productive and timely manner.
 - Maintains personal work area in a neat and orderly fashion.
- Role Clarity
- The PSS...
- Understands roles and responsibilities of staff
 - Clarifies responsibilities and boundaries of the PSS role

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- Observational Skills
- The PSS...
- Recognizes inconsistencies in information or observed behavior (“What’s wrong with this picture?”)
 - Describes factually what is observed without using language that presumes values and motives. Objective reporter.
 - Identifies behavior that is out of character or atypical.
 - Identifies trends or patterns in behavior over time.
 - Is the eyes and ears of the medical team.

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- Judgment
- The PSS...
- Thinks through the implications of situations or events to predict consequences.
 - Recognizes when a situation requires emergency response.
 - Maintains perspective on what is urgent and what can wait, what is important and what is not.
 - Recognizes personal knowledge limitations and when to seek advice or assistance.

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- **Interpersonal Skills** (sensitivity, communication skills and diversity):

-Sensitivity

The PSS...

- Is sensitive to consumers' moods.
- Is sensitive and takes steps to interpret non-verbal cues as to what consumers are thinking and feeling.
- Discovers and respects the preferences and unique aspects of each consumer's personality.
- Can view situations from others' perspectives and empathize with their feelings.