

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-NIGHT SHIFT (P # 1417) – MC – CRISIS RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Mental Health Specialist will provide safety monitoring of resident clients and assists in establishing and maintaining an environment that is therapeutic for persons with mental illness on the Extended Observation and Crisis Residential Units. These programs operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Duties will include, but may not be limited to the following: monitoring acutely mentally ill adults; intervening when necessary to prevent clients from escalating; facilitating client engagement in treatment services; prompting, supervising and assisting clients in performing basic activities of daily living; and generally observing, documenting, and reporting client conditions and behaviors. May also transport clients to other medical services in the community, when necessary. Will perform services in accordance with Center and Medicaid standards and requirements. Emotional maturity, self-discipline, flexibility, and good verbal skills are a must. These programs are currently located in Nacogdoches, but will relocate to Lufkin in the future. Performs under the direct supervision of the charge nurse and general supervision of the Psychiatric Nurse Manager.

EDUCATION:

Required: Graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent.

EXPERIENCE:

Preferred: Experience working with adults with mental illness.

LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:

Required: Valid Texas driver's license.

SPECIAL REQUESTS OR COMMENTS:

Required: Must be physically able to complete all required training to include: Satori Alternative to Managing Aggression (SAMA), CPR, First Aid, Defensive Driving, Van Driving, and other training required in the training modules. Must have a driving record insurable by the Center's insurance administrator. Reliable transportation required.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Sight, hearing, talking, lifting up to 50 pounds, walking, driving a vehicle, and hand/finger dexterity.

HOURS: Staff in this position will work 12-hour shifts (7:00pm – 7:00am) with a total of 7 shifts every 14 days. Will be required to work at least some weekend and holiday shifts on a rotating basis.

SALARY: \$21,939 to \$24,102 annually, depending on qualifications and experience.