

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System
JOB OPPORTUNITY

Certified Addiction Counselor – SW82276
Co-Occurring Treatment Unit

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC APPLICATION FILING INSTRUCTIONS AS NOTED BELOW

Open To: State Employees

Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center
1635 Central Avenue, Bridgeport, CT
Hospital Services Division – Co-Occurring Treatment Unit

Salary: \$60,215- \$79,642

Shift/Schedule/Hours: 1st shift, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 40 hours per week

Posting Date: September 5, 2014
Closing Date: September 11, 2014

Duties may include but are not limited to: Provides counseling services to alcohol and drug dependent clients; screens clients to determine eligibility for programs; assesses strengths, weaknesses and treatment needs; orients clients to treatment program; participates in treatment planning and individual and/or group counseling; responsible for case management activities; provides crisis intervention services in response to emotional and/or physical distress; makes referrals to outside or other programs for medical and/or psychological intervention; maintains confidential reports and records of client data; represents program at community events and seminars; educates clients on substance abuse issues and availability of resources; consults with service providers to assure comprehensive integrated care; conducts substance abuse screens using the standardized scales, runs substance abuse and co-occurring disorders therapeutic groups on the hospital services division, may escort clients; may provide coverage duties; may collect urine for drug screening; performs related duties as required.

Eligibility Requirement: State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer.

General Experience: Certification from the Connecticut Department of Public Health as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor and three (3) years of experience involving risk reduction education and counseling to assist alcohol and drug dependent individuals.

Special Experience/Requirements: Incumbents in this class must retain the certification and/or licensure outlined above. Individuals recovering from addiction to alcohol or drugs are required to have two (2) years of substance free time to be considered for a position in a substance abuse program. Incumbents in this class must possess, retain and carry a valid Connecticut Driver's License. Travel in the community is required.

Substitutions Allowed: Licensure from the Connecticut Department of Public Health as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor may be substituted for the General Experience. For state employees three (3) years as a Certified Addiction Counselor Trainee may be substituted for General Experience.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to perform moderate amounts of lifting or restraining of patients and exposed to communicable and/or infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive and/or abusive patients.

Note: The filling of this position will be in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion and merit employment rules, if applicable.

- 1) DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (e.g.: Supervising Clinician applying to a Supervising Clinician posting) must submit a completed DMHAS lateral transfer form. Lateral transfer forms received without a position number will not be processed.
- 2) DMHAS employees who are promotional/demotional candidates** must submit the State of Connecticut Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12) with the position number noted at the bottom of page one.
- 3) All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae may be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System
Human Resources Department, 97 Middle Street, Bridgeport CT 06604
Fax: (203) 579-6315
Email: SWCMHS.recruit@ct.gov

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

The State of Connecticut and DMHAS are equal opportunity/affirmative action employers. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities and those in recovery are encouraged to apply. P-1