

DMHAS/River Valley Services  
JOB OPPORTUNITY  
RV#102303

**PSYCHOLOGIST (Clinical)**

(Possible underfill as Postdoctoral Fellow)

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**Open To:** State Employees  
**Location:** DMHAS/River Valley Services, Admission & Liaison Services/Intake Unit, Middletown, CT  
**Job Posting No:** RV#102303  
**Schedule/Hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> Shift ~ Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m.  
**Annual Salary:** \$80,673.00 ~\$109,710.00 (Psychologist) \$69,674.00~ \$ \$93,963.00 (Postdoctoral Fellow)  
**Closing Date:** June 17, 2015

**For a Psychologist: Eligibility Requirement:** State employees who possess the general and special experience and training, currently hold the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status in the above title may apply. **General Experience and Training:** A doctorate degree in clinical or counseling psychology and one (1) year's post-doctoral experience as a psychologist working under the supervision of a licensed psychologist. **Special Requirements:** Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a license to practice psychology in Connecticut. Any person employed by the State of Connecticut prior to July 1, 1985 with a title in the Psychology series of the classified service shall be exempt from the above licensure requirement pursuant to Public Act 613, Section 119(c). For certain positions the appointing authority may require state licensure.

**For a Postdoctoral Fellow: Experience and Training:** Applicants must have graduated from an educational program approved by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists with consent of the Commissioner of Health Services. Generally, this will be interpreted as possession of a doctorate degree in psychology from a college or university program which is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or as otherwise determined by the Board and the Commissioner. Applicants possessing degrees from other than APA accredited programs must first gain acceptance from the Department of Health Services for that degree before being eligible for appointment to the employment list. **General Experience:** A doctorate degree in clinical or counseling psychology as indicated above and completion of a one (1) year clinical internship. **Term of Appointment:** The term of appointment to positions in this class shall be for a period of one (1) year, renewable to a maximum of three (3) years, at which time the incumbent must achieve licensure as a psychologist in Connecticut.

**Duties may include but not limited to:** The position is part of Admissions/Same Day Access at RVS and is responsible to provide timely and comprehensive clinical assessments and evaluations including appropriate dispositions and referrals. The person in this position will complete all aspects of the intake process to ensure the admission process is responsive, timely, easily assessable and offers a trauma-informed and friendly environment from first contact to admission. The Psychologist provides standardized psychological assessments in both community-based and inpatient settings. Expedient and effective diagnostic clarification is critical in determining level of care and supporting timely discharges from hospital settings. Duties include but are not limited to: screening non-emergent referrals and processing service requests to determine facility eligibility, conducting comprehensive clinical assessments of individuals with severe, often complex psychiatric diagnoses including: clinical interview; analysis and integration of information from record review and collateral information sources. The comprehensive assessment will include risk history, current mental status, diagnoses, clinical formulation, initial treatment plan and recommendation of and/or referral to appropriate services. The position requires considerable organizational ability to establish and manage multiple priorities and comprehensive knowledge of the recovery principles, risk management and trauma-informed care. The person in this position will work in close collaboration with the RVS Mobile Crisis Team to facilitate access to care for clients with urgent treatment needs. The person should have excellent communication skills including written and oral and be able to develop comprehensive written assessments consistent with Medicare and JCAHO standards. The Intake Psychologist will also provide training and supervision of pre-doctoral Clinical Psychology Interns in an APA-Accredited Clinical Psychology Internship Program. The person in this position may also participate in the Behavioral Plan Committee and participate in the development and implementation of positive behavioral plans. **Working Conditions:** Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain patients/ clients or inmates; may have some exposure to communicable/infectious diseases and to risk of injury from assaultive/abusive patients/clients or inmates; may be exposed to disagreeable conditions.

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

**To be considered for this position:**

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: Psychologist applying to a Psychologist posting) must submit a completed DMHAS Lateral Transfer Form. Lateral Transfer Request 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). The position number must be noted at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application (CT-HR-12).
3. **All other applicants** must complete a State Employment Application for Examination and Employment (CT-HR-12). Resumes and Curriculum Vitae can be provided as supplemental information but will only be accepted if attached to a fully completed application.

**Application Instructions:** Interested and qualified candidates who meet the above requirements should submit a cover letter, a resume, and an Application for Employment to:

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION TO:  
DMHAS/River Valley Services  
P.O. Box 351  
Middletown, CT 06457  
Fax: (860) 262-5055  
[RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV](mailto:RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV)

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