

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

JOB POSTING

Connecticut Mental Health Center

Nurse Clinician – CM106708

PLEASE NOTE: The location, fax number and e-mail information to send responses to postings has changed. Responses to postings must be sent to the facility where the vacancy exists; therefore, it is important to follow the specific application instructions at the bottom of this posting.

Location: 34 Park Street, New Haven, CT 06519

Program/Unit: Assertive Community Treatment Team (ACT TEAM)

Shift/Schedule/Hours: Full-Time/35 hours weekly /1st Shift / Monday – Friday; 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM with rotation to 11:00 AM-6:30 PM shift approximately once per week. May do off-hours telephone on-call by rotation

Salary: \$63,133.00-\$85,143.00

Posting Date: **February 3, 2014**

Closing Date: February 9, 2014

Duties may include but not limited to: This Nurse Clinician will work on the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team; a new interagency collaborative endeavor designed to provide outreach to severely mentally ill clients who often utilize emergency room and inpatient levels of care but may not follow-through with outpatient treatment. Will possess considerable knowledge of psychiatric nursing, with experience and expertise in the independent provision of individual, group and family psychotherapy. Will provide services in the office and in the community. Will independently develop clinical assessments through interviews with assigned clients and their families and/or significant others, which include consideration of developmental, social and/or cultural, substance use, psychological, environmental and medical issues. Will perform mental status examinations, and will develop recovery-oriented treatment plans including measurable objectives and outcomes. Will develop crisis response plans and manage crises as needed. Will facilitate the assessment of medical conditions and monitor the delivery of health care services to team clients. Will function as liaison between the team, agency Wellness Center and community health care providers. Will design and implement individual and group skill building interventions related to health and wellness. Will demonstrate considerable knowledge of community resources, the stages of recovery, stage-appropriate interventions and motivational enhancement techniques. May prescribe medication and order laboratory tests; will educate clients and families about mental illness, medication, and medical health issues. Will collaborate with team psychiatrists in an ongoing manner around client medication and ensure that clients receive the required psychiatric reviews. Will administer injectable psychiatric medication as prescribed for team clients. Will document all treatment interventions in clinical records and complete reports in accordance with standards set by the agency and accrediting bodies. Will provide supervision and direction to team members of lower grade and/or trainees regarding clinical work, the management of crises or emergencies, and documentation. Will participate in quality assurance and other clinical committees as assigned. Will perform other duties as required. Will demonstrate the ability to articulate the recovery-oriented, “can do” philosophy that is essential to the development and functioning of a strong ACT Team.

General Experience and Training: Four (4) years of experience as a professional nurse.

Special Requirements: Incumbents in this class must possess and retain a current license as a registered professional nurse in Connecticut. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel. Incumbents in this class may be required to possess and retain a valid Motor Vehicle Operator's license. Within the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, incumbents in this class who write medications must have a current license as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse issued by the Department of Health.

Eligibility Requirement: State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status or candidates who possess the general and special experience and training may apply.

Note: Applicants will be selected in accordance with reemployment, SEBAC, transfer, promotion, collective bargaining unit contract language, merit employment lists and DMHAS affirmative action goals. Therefore, State employees will generally be considered before applicants from outside State service.

Application Instructions: Due to the large number of lateral transfer forms and applications received, it is extremely important to note the **Position Number (found on the posting)** on the DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form (**upper right-hand corner**) and at the bottom of Page One of the State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12)

To be considered for this position:

1. **DMHAS employees who are lateral transfer candidates** (example: CSW applying to a CSW 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.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

DMHAS – Connecticut Mental Health Center ATTN: Ryan J. Howe, Human Resources Assistant Fax : (203) 974-7637
34 Park Street, New Haven, CT 06519
Email : Ryan.Howe@Ct.gov

The DMHAS Lateral Transfer Request Form, State of Connecticut Application for Examination or Employment (CT-HR-12) and postings can be found on the DMHAS website at www.ct.gov/dmhas/employmentopportunities

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The State of Connecticut and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services are equal opportunity/affirmative action employers. Women, minorities' persons with disabilities and in recovery are encouraged to apply. **(P-1)**