

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES
River Valley Services
JOB OPPORTUNITY
Mental Health Associate
RV#110698

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Open To: State Employees
Location: River Valley Services ~ YAS
Job Posting No: RV#110698
Hours: Wk1:Fri,Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs,Wk2:Fri,Sat,Tues,Wed,Thurs~8:00am-4:30pm 40hours/weekly
Salary Range: \$57,397.00 - \$76,172.00
Closing Date: February 9, 2015

Eligibility Requirements: This is a competitive position. Candidates must have applied for and passed the Mental Health Associate exam and be on the current certification list promulgated by the Department of Administrative Services for this classification. State employees currently holding the above title or those who have previously attained permanent status may apply for lateral transfer. **Applicants will not have the opportunity to take the exam prior to the above closing date to qualify for this particular vacancy.**

Duties may include but not limited to: This position entails working as part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide comprehensive client-centered services to assist young adults with severe and prolonged mental health and/or trauma-related conditions to support successful community living and safe transitions from hospital levels of care to community-based settings. This position requires extensive knowledge and skill related to trauma-sensitive interventions, recovery principles, risk management and life skill acquisition. Duties include but are not limited to: skill development, monitoring of risk issues, one to one instruction with hand's on approach, participating in the development and implementation of safety plans and positive behavioral plans, case management and coordination with inpatient and community providers regarding client needs. This position will also provide leadership and supervision to staff in lower pay grades including training, education and instruction regarding work performance issues. This position will also involve close collaboration with Mobile Crisis and providers.

General Experience: Three (3) years' experience at the level of Mental Health Assistant 2, LPN or its equivalent in a psychiatric setting.

Special Requirements: Incumbents in this class may be required to be bilingual or fluent in American Sign Language. Incumbents in this class may be required to travel and possess and retain a current Connecticut motor vehicle license.

Working Conditions: Incumbents in this class may be required to lift and restrain patients/clients; may have exposure to communicable/infectious diseases and risk of injury from assaultive/abusive patients/clients; 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: Head Nurse applying to a Head Nurse 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 State Employees** 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:

RVS-RECRUIT@CT.GOV

FAX: (860) 262-5055

River Valley Services

Office of Human Resources ~ ATTN: Recruitment

P.O. Box 351 ~ Middletown, CT 06457

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