

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**TITLE:** Clinical Psychology Student Extern—Emergency Services  
**WORKING TITLE:** Clinical Psychology Student Extern  
**REPORTS TO:** Psychologist/ES Therapist Supervisor or Senior Therapist  
**ENTRY GRADE:** N/A  
**STARTING SALARY:** N/A **FLSA STATUS:** N/A  
**ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE:** No **CLASS CODE:** N/A **POSITION NO:** N/A

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**MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:** As a member of the Emergency Services Team, you will be responsible for conducting crisis intervention, under close supervision, and responding to psychiatric emergencies within the City through telephone and face-to-face contact. These responses may include; interviewing and evaluating persons who are presenting in crisis, pre-admission screening; consulting with other care providers; evaluating for Civil Detention, voluntary hospitalization, or less restrictive alternatives. You will liaison with other community agencies and make appropriate referrals consistent with the evaluation. In addition must maintain clear and concise client records.

- In conjunction with licensed staff, interview consumers who walk in to Mental Health Center and individuals who require intervention in the community. Through consultation with Senior Therapists and supervisors, determine appropriate disposition based on thorough psychiatric evaluation. Complete written assessments and make appropriate referrals;
- Assess need for immediate face-to-face interview or referral during telephone conversations;
- Provide liaison/outreach to other community agencies;
- Provide crisis stabilization utilizing phone and face-to-face contact;
- Determine appropriate response to all calls from the citizens and staff from other agencies;
- Provides clinical assessment and referral services; Determines appropriate disposition;
- Formulates diagnoses, assesses risk and mental status
- Provides clinical intervention in emergency situations at any of the City's residential programs ;
- Provides crisis intervention and emergency services;
- Provides emergency and crisis intervention services to consumers;
- Participates in staff development, training, and clinical supervision;
- Maintains clinical records in accordance with State, City, Departmental and Federal compliance requirements;
- Complete requirements to become a Certified Preadmission Screener by the end of the training year.

**ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Graduate level knowledge of psychological and mental health issues in children, adolescents, and adults. Knowledge and experience working with individuals impacted by Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI). Knowledge of relevant literature as it relates to presenting problems. Considerable knowledge of the social, cultural, behavioral, economic and health difficulties in the client population. Developing skills in evaluation and assessment in crisis situations and a willingness to further develop skills and abilities in these areas. Knowledge of the impact of trauma and comorbid medical or substance use diagnoses on mental health. Experience with dual diagnosis populations. Knowledge of the American Psychological Association ethical guidelines. Skills in advocacy and interagency collaboration. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Desire to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Enrollment in a doctoral program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. At least two years of graduate training. Treatment and psychological evaluation experience. Knowledge about and experience in working with individuals with SMI. The externship is expected to

last from the beginning of September to the end of May but can be longer should an extern wish to earn more hours.

**PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS:** Three to four years of graduate work in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Bilingual (English/Spanish) skills.