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CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST
(Mental Health Services)

Job Title: Clinical Nurse Specialist (Mental Health Services)

Reports to: Director

Setting: Hospital

Location: Connecticut (Coastal Area)

Job Summary

To provide professional mental health services to patients and their families and/or significant others

Major Accountabilities & Critical Responsibilities

1. Conducts and documents regular reviews of treatment effectiveness/patient progress. Assesses and documents patient status/progress at appropriate intervals in compliance with policy.
2. Participates in patient assessment prior to and upon completion of treatment.
3. Shares significant assessment and treatment information with other team members through appropriate, timely and clear communication
4. Provides appropriate individual, family, couples and/or group psychotherapy to patients on the basis of an interdisciplinary plan.
5. Participates in the formulation and implementation of an individualized interdisciplinary treatment plan based on a thorough assessment of the patient's problems and needs.
6. Conducts psycho-diagnostic and disposition intake/screening and crisis evaluations of patients.
7. Assists psychiatric medical staff in monitoring the use, effectiveness and side-effects of psychiatric medications. Prescribe medications as appropriate.
8. Incorporates feedback from the patient's family/significant other(s), and other healthy and mental providers in treatment planning and implementation.

9. Seeks consultation/supervision and assistance from appropriate professionals when patient's needs are beyond one's own range of knowledge/ experience practice
- 10.. Demonstrates basic clinical and technical skills according to established standards of practice.
11. Documents all significant interventions in appropriate records.
12. Actively participates in patient and family/significant other(s) education.
13. Demonstrates an ability to establish and maintain meaningful therapeutic relationships with patients.
14. Effectively manages crisis/situation/routine treatment interactions with due respect for patient rights, legal/ethical obligations, and the therapeutic goals of any interventions used.
15. Meets performance expectations for Customer Service, Teamwork, Resource Utilization, and Staff and Self Development as outlined in the performance review.
16. Performs other duties as assigned or directed to ensure the smooth operation of the department/unit.

Job Qualifications & Requirements

- **Education:** Graduate of an approved school of nursing with a MA,MS, MSN
- **Experience:** Certification by ANA(American Nurses Association) as a clinical Specialist in Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing
- **Licensure:** Must be eligible for Connecticut Licensure or certification as an Advanced Practice Nurse in Psychiatry
- **Other:** Licensure to prescribe medication in collaboration with a physician

Compensation

- Highly competitive base salary, benefits and relocation assistance

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