**Visiting Research Specialist- Behavioral Health Initiative Coordinator in Educational Pathways-JACSW**

**Hiring Department**: Jane Addams College of Social Work

**Location**:  Chicago, IL USA

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**Description:**

Position Summary

This position contributes to the design and delivery of behavioral health training and research projects and collaborates with the behavioral health provider community, college and university representatives and researchers to expand educational curriculum and pathways into the behavioral health field. The position involves providing project management and support for grant-funded initiatives to enhance entry into the behavioral health field and address the workforce shortage in Illinois through the Behavioral Health Workforce Center at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Duties & Responsibilities

* Collaborate with project partners to collect data on needs and demand assessment and develop potential new behavioral health training areas to support the number of new graduate prepared to enter direct practice behavioral health positions.
* Collaborate with university and college representatives, faculty collaborators, behavioral health directors, and researchers to develop objectives and design projects and proposals to address pressure points in behavioral health pathway programs and increase the number of new graduates prepared to enter direct behavioral health practice in Illinois.
* Contribute to curriculum development and piloting for new degrees focused on skill development to address areas of needs identified in needs assessment.
* Contribute material, prepare results, and assist in the writing of training materials and findings for proposals, presentations, and other documents.
* Collaborate with other staff on methods and procedures.
* Perform other related duties and participate in special projects as assigned
* Collaborate with principal investigator and researchers to develop objectives and design of training and research projects and proposals.
* Formulate and conduct research evaluation studies and analyses. Performs complex data collection from the behavioral health provider community (conducting focus groups and designing surveys) and uses applied, action research study methods to identify needs, formulate initiatives to address, and evaluate. Analyze and evaluate research findings.
* Develop and write advanced, comprehensive protocols.
* Monitor project developments on an ongoing basis. Propose and implement changes as needed.
* Contribute material, prepare results and assist in the writing of research evaluation findings for publications, papers, presentations, grants, and other documents for publication and other methods of dissemination.
* Assist principal investigator in grant and manuscript submission.
* Guide, train and advise lower-level researchers and students on techniques, methods and procedures.
* Perform other related duties and participate in special projects as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum Qualifications

* This position requires a master’s or PhD in social work, public health, instructional design, counseling, psychology, or nursing with a focus on behavioral health. Some course work specifically focused on project management (e.g., macrolevel social work or public policy, public health, project management) is required.
* A minimum of 3 years related research experience in the context of behavioral health agency administration, medical clinic administrative practice, a university setting, or a research center.
* Experience working for a college or university in the capacity of a professor, instructor, or educational program director teaching behavioral health content.
* Experience working with college and university representatives and faculty on educational programs.
* Two or more years of direct practice experience working in behavioral or community mental health; experience with workgroup facilitation; experience with staff training models; and one or more years of post-graduate experience in an administrative or project management position at a university, research center, or social service agency.
* Experience working with underserved individuals and/or communities.
* Possesses and applies advanced knowledge of applied research principles, concepts, practices and methods

The salary range for this position is $76,000-84,000.

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