Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Department: Clinical
Location: Bristow, VA
Position Type: Full Time
Travel Required: Yes - Local

Job Summary:
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners diagnose mental illness and prescribe medication. As a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner you’ll also act as a therapist helping patients with behavioral disorders and other conditions that can be remedied with counseling.

Basic Qualifications
- Master’s Degree and successful completion of an accredited Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program.
- Possession of a current, valid license as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Board Certification as a Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse Practitioner through ANCC.
- Registered with Virginia Controlled Substance and DEA.
- Authorization to prescribe medication in the Commonwealth of Virginia and hold Prescriptive Authority Practice Agreement with a collaborating board eligible Child/Adolescent/Adult Psychiatrist.
- Minimum of two years related work experience preferred.
- Knowledge of Virginia BDHDS and Virginia Medicaid standards.
- Ability to pass a Criminal Record History Clearance, and a Child Abuse History Clearance.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with people from differing backgrounds and cultures.
- Ability to be flexible in meeting scheduling needs.

Key Responsibilities
- Establish supportive, motivational and therapeutic relationships with clients, ensuring an atmosphere of safety, security, and responsible client care; and provide medication management and case management support to psychiatrist.
- Prescribe medication to clients both in our inpatient and outpatient.
- Provide general medical care to in-patient residents as needed.
- Provide assessment, crisis response, medication, direct behavioral health services, and medical record documentation in accordance with agency regulations and policies.
- In collaboration with the Psychiatrist; prescribe, direct, and administer psychotherapeutic treatments or medications to treat mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders.
- Develop working relationships with primary care, other healthcare providers, clinics, and community resources.
- Serve as clinical leadership for Behavioral Health Nurse Practitioner Services.
- Work with interdisciplinary team to formulate an initial diagnosis and develop treatment plan for individuals with common behavioral health issues.
- Provide group therapy and supportive counseling for clients and family members in regards to the psychosocial, environment, and physical wellbeing.
- Maintain client files for DAC (Diagnostic Assessment Center) clients receiving psychiatric/psychotropic medications care.
- Orders and maintains (or oversees) necessary medical prescriptions and supplies for the health care area and each necessary location on campus.
- Works with Food Services Manager (or oversees) to assist with special dietary issues and/or concerns.
- Participates in professional development opportunities designed to improve the quality of health care provided to residents at Youth for Tomorrow.
- Ensures medication certification training to staff members on an on-going basis.
- Attend all training mandated by YFT.
- All duties and responsibilities will support meeting the structured program of care outlined in DBHDS and DSS state standards (DBHDS: 12VAC 35-46-800; DSS: 22 VAC 40-151-720).
- Other duties as assigned by the CEO or Director - Clinical Services

**Preferred Skills, Abilities & Experiences**

- Possess the temperament to work with and care for children, and youth; some with special needs in multiple age ranges.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with the treatment team and other internal and external stakeholders, clients and families.
- Ability to obtain and maintain a valid driver’s license which meets or exceeds YFT’s insurance guidelines.
- Communication skills, both written and verbal; ability to create thorough client notes and effective communication with staff, clients and legal documentation.