

Klamath Health Partnership

Job Description and Responsibilities



Position: Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Status: Exempt
Reports to: Behavioral Health Director
Location: Klamath Open Door

The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner works as part of an integrated interdisciplinary team serving individuals with behavioral health problems within a primary health care setting. The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner handles crisis intervention needs, and maintains a daily schedule of individual and/or group therapeutic treatments. In addition to treating severe and persistent mental health issues (SPMI,) they assess and diagnose patients, provide psychotherapy and prescribe medication. This may include substance abuse and social skills interventions such as areas of domestic violence. In all cases, they work closely with primary care providers and other team members to develop specific behavioral change plans for patients that often experience complicated medical needs.

Key Responsibilities

- In conjunction with primary care providers, the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner is responsible for diagnosing, treating and managing individuals that are experiencing mental health disorders, psychosocial problems. Treating both chronic and acute emotional and/or health problems.
- Conducting intake assessments of mental and behavioral conditions, providing therapy using a variety of models (CBT, ACT, DBT, etc.) and processes.
- Assess and evaluate “at risk” patients within a medical setting, developing prevention strategies including the involvement of additional agencies such as DHS, Tribe, SPOKES, KBBH, LCS and/or calling 911 when necessary.
- Provide emergency telephone counseling and support services for patients and community partners (such as the hospital.)
- Making effective referrals to other providers as indicated by patient’s (specialty) needs.
- Documentation of all patient activity including phone calls in a timely and accurate manner.
- Forwarding notes and information needed to other team providers such as the PCP so that they can make any needed adjustments in patient’s care.

Desired Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- A Masters of Science in Nursing degree specializing in psychiatric healthcare.
- Current Oregon State License
- Ability to initiate, adjust, monitor and recommend changes in drug therapy in conjunction with PCP
- Multicultural abilities are necessary, and Spanish speaking is another strong preference.
- Knowledge of behavioral health medicine, and use of evidence-based treatment models.
- Ability to make accurate clinical (DSM – 5) assessments, using a variety of assessment tools.
- Ability to work as an effectively team member in a high stress/paced environment.
- Computer skills, including experience with an EMR or other electronic records format.

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Accommodations

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to walk, talk, bend, lift, carry, write, and hear. The employee frequently is required to stand, walk, sit and use hands to finger, handle or feel. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.