

The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Department of Psychiatry is seeking a Social Work Specialist I (LISW) to provide specialized social work services in areas of individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, psychosocial care coordination, social casework, consultation, program development, teaching/training, and research for cancer patients and their families treated in Stead Family Children's Hospital.

The Pediatric Psycho-Oncology Program is dedicated to proactively assessing and addressing the emotional and mental health aspects of care for all oncology patients treated in Stead Family Children's Hospital. Fully integrated with the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology team in the Department of Pediatrics, this program provides an essential component of care to cancer patients and their families. As we continue to develop a psycho-oncology team which can provide comprehensive mental health care to this patient population, we are seeking a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) with experience in providing research-proven therapy to patients and families in a dynamic and collaborative setting.

University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics—recognized as one of the best hospitals in the United States—is Iowa's only comprehensive academic medical center and a regional referral center. Each day more than 12,000 employees, students and volunteers work together to provide safe, quality health care and excellent service for our patients.

The university is located along the picturesque Iowa River in Iowa City, a city of some 77,000 people (170,000+ in the metro area) regularly ranked as one of the nation's best places to live. Iowa City is less than four hours from Chicago and within five hours of Minneapolis, St. Louis, and Kansas City, readily accessible via interstate highways and a regional airport 30 minutes away.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

Practice specialized social work skills (eg. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) with patients, clients and their families).

Responsible for program planning and implementation of social work service to groups of patients or clients and their families for whom highly specialized treatment and care is provided.

Assist in the development of novel social services components for the Pediatric Psycho-Oncology Program

Provide information on pediatric oncology psychosocial priorities.

Responsible for the coordination of after-care, follow-up or other special programs.

Provide consultation to social workers in other health or social agencies.

Responsible for internal and external community relations.

Attend and coordinate pediatric psychosocial oncology programmatic conferences and workshops.

Teach diagnostic and treatment skills to social workers and other professionals and support staff.

Provide information to other social workers in the area of practice and in areas of specialized competence.

Consult, initiate and participate in social work research.

Assist with the preparation of grant proposals.

Maintain effective working relationships with faculty, staff, students and the public.

Classification: Social Work Specialist I PD25

Department: Psychiatry

Percent of Time: 100%

Staff Type: Allied Health Professional

Education

A Master's degree in Social Work is required.

Certifications

An LISW - Independent License to practice social work in Iowa is required.

Certification by the Academy of Certified Social Workers is desirable.

Required Qualifications

Minimum 3-5 years Social Work experience is required.

Experience with individual and family counseling is required.

Demonstrated experience with evidence-based practices including but not limited to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Interpersonal Psychotherapy is required.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required.

Demonstrated experience collaborating as part of multi-disciplinary care teams, including ability to effect change and resolve recalcitrant problems is required.

Desired Qualifications

Additional graduate education and/or continuing education related to advanced Social Work practice and skill.

Experience providing assessments of patients presenting with a wide range of behavioral health complaints.

Experience providing individual, family, and group therapy services.

Social work experience with cancer patients.

Application Process

To be considered, applicants must upload a Cover Letter and Resume (under submission relevant materials) that clearly address how they meet the listed required and desired qualifications of this position.

Job openings are posted for a minimum of 14 calendar days. This job may be removed from posting and filled any time after the minimum posting period has ended.

Successful candidates will be subject to a criminal background check. Professional references will be required later in the recruitment process.

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