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**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

**Position Description**

**TITLE:** Specialist, Substance Abuse (Clinician) (Ten Month Position)  
**DIVISION:** Student Affairs (Counseling Center)  
**REPORTS TO:** Director, Counseling  
**GRADE:** 13  
**SUPERVISES:** Professional, technical and clerical support staff, and graduate and undergraduate students

**BASIC FUNCTION:**

Responsible for providing assessment and counseling services for students experiencing psychological, psychosocial and developmental difficulties (anxiety, depression, eating disorders, etc.) and specifically for individuals with alcohol and substance abuse problems. Responsible for development and implementation of outreach programs for individuals whose difficulties are related to Alcohol and Other Drug usage. Responsible for providing leadership at the University on Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) prevention, research and policy.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide individual assessment and short-term counseling for students with substance abuse difficulties.
- Provide individual and group counseling for students dealing with psychological and developmental presentations such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, etc.
- Provide referrals for individuals requiring a higher level of care or inpatient substance abuse treatment.
- Provide culturally sensitive counseling services to diverse populations and members of traditionally underrepresented groups.
- Provide consultation and in-service training to Student Affairs and other areas as needed.
- Train and supervise clinical graduate interns.

**OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Develop program initiatives, grants, and other projects as appropriate to the needs of the Counseling Center and the University community.
- Serve on University committees such as the Alcohol Team or search committees as appointed by Director.

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Serve as a consultant on judicial matters related to substance abuse, as agreed to by the Director.

Maintain high standards of excellence, including professional development activities and adherence to professional ethical standards.

Maintain statistics and write annual or other reports as needed.

Perform other duties as assigned.

**LICENSES, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:**

Rhode Island professional license (psychologist, counselor, social worker, APRN) or obtain license within one year of employment. Personal computers, printers, word processing, database management software.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**

This position is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**REQUIRED:** Master's degree in social work, counseling, psychiatric nursing, clinical psychology or a closely related field; possess or acquire a Rhode Island professional license (psychologist, counselor, social worker, APRN) within one year of appointment; two years' counseling experience, with at least one year of experience in a college or university counseling center; experience applying current models of alcohol and substance abuse treatment and prevention (motivational interviewing; harm reduction, etc.), preferably in a college setting; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; experience and demonstrated ability in working with diverse populations; strong interpersonal skills; ability to work effectively in teams and in coordination with other university departments; ability to provide leadership to the university community on alcohol and substance abuse issues, such as outreach, treatment, research, policy development, and prevention; clinical experience with a broad range of concerns such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, etc. Must be skilled in clinical assessment, short-term treatment, outreach, and group intervention. Must be able to occasionally work weekend and evening hours. **PREFERRED:** education and clinical experience beyond the minimum.

**ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**