MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Full-Time, Permanent

The mental health clinician’s role is to collaborate with the patient, physician and other members of the primary care team to provide assessment, education and interventions resulting in improved patient wellbeing and self-management of medical, behavioral and psychosocial needs. When needed, they have responsibility for the coordination of patient services, and then the referral of patients to external supports or health care providers.

The mental health clinician provides population based mental health services to primary care patients at the request of the physician and the primary care team. By assessing referred patients, the mental health clinician can assist the patient in setting goals and changing health behavior through group classes and individual counseling.

RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:
• Provide clinical biopsychosocial assessments using a variety of assessment methods to assess clinical mental health problems.
• Interview patients, their families and other concerned parties to obtain information about personal, social and environmental history.
• Participate in early detection of emerging patient emotional and behavioural disorders and assist with goal based clinical treatment.
• Provide short term individual and group counselling for mood disorders, anxiety disorders, obsessive compulsive disorders, trauma and stressor related disorders, sleep-wake disorders, sexual dysfunctions, substance related disorders, concurrent disorders, and personality disorders.
• Connect patients to programs and services including appointment scheduling, reminders, completion of required referral documentation and post-appointment follow-up.
• Advocate for patients to meet patient and family needs such as food, housing, transport and financial support.
• Participate in multi-disciplinary case conferences and provide consultation and education to support other health care service providers.
• Provide communication to family physician of patient status/progress through documentation of relevant clinical information, referral correspondence, patient interaction and patient care plans in a timely manner on patient files.
• Develop positive working relationships/partnerships with other disciplines, agencies and health care professionals in order to promote coordinated service, quality care and access to appropriate resources for clients.
• Maintain a high level of current knowledge and trends in the relevant discipline specific skills and practices.
• Collect and maintain data for individual client and program evaluation.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
• Knowledge of clinical social work treatment methodologies with emphasis on interdisciplinary team approaches
• Ability to deal effectively with patients with mental health concerns who are experiencing crises
• Understands and follows applicable legislation (e.g., Mental Health Act, Child Welfare Act, Health Information Act).
• Working knowledge of local and provincial mental health resources
• Proficient knowledge of PCs and PC based programs and applications
• Ability to communicate effectively orally, electronically or in writing
• Maintain absolute confidentiality of patient records

QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE:
• Registered with the Alberta College of Social Workers
• A Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector check
• Must have a Clinical Masters of Social Work with 1 year of experience preferred OR a Bachelor of Social Work with 3-5 years of experience in a clinical setting with psychosocial restrictions lifted by the ACSW.
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We thank all candidates in advance for their applications, however, only those being selected for an interview will be contacted.