

Defense Health Agency – Vacancy Announcement

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: DHA-MH-AL-FL-002

*****FOCUS AREA*****

Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

*****POSITION TITLE*****

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse, (O-4, Non-Supervisory)

*****LOCATION DESCRIPTION*****

This position is located at Eglin Air Force Base. The 96th Test Wing is co-located with Hurlburt Field AFB, the Army 7th Group Special Forces Command, the Army Ranger Training Battalion, and the Explosive Ordnance School for all three services. Eglin AFB hosts training for the F35 Fighter aircraft and the Climatic Lab develop which test the most current weaponry to advance the Air Force's mission to Fly, Fight and Win.

*****CLOSING DATE*****

The vacancy will remain posted and applications will continue to be accepted until a candidate is selected.

*****JOB DESCRIPTION*****

Supports Air Force, Medical Group, Operational Medical Readiness Squadron, Outpatient Mental Health Clinic objectives and policies. The Mental Health Registered Nurse (MHRN) is committed to providing mental health nursing care to active duty service members, dependents, and retirees across the lifespan through assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral problems, mental disorders, comorbid conditions, and substance use disorders. The MHRN provides comprehensive, person-centered behavioral and psychiatric care such as mental health case management, interdisciplinary care, coordination of care for mental health patients, and promotes health, wellness and prevention of mental health problems. The MHRN conducts systematic, on-going, thorough assessment of the patient's emotional, psychological, social, and physical status through direct patient or telephonic contact, acts as the primary liaison to other interdisciplinary teams providing care coordination; delivers and maintains safe quality care through evidenced-based interventions and the implementation of process improvement activities. The MHRN is familiar with pertinent policies, standards, and objectives, accountable for duties and responsibilities within the scope of their position. The MHRN administers prescribed treatment and medications. Participates in staff development, medical readiness training, and exercises. Specific duties include:

A. Nursing Care Management:

1. Delivers professional nursing care IAW established scopes and standards of nursing practice and nursing code of ethics.
2. Develops nursing diagnosis and plan of care, implements the nursing process, and evaluates it for effectiveness.
3. Utilizing the nursing process as a basis for professional practice, the MHRN assesses patient's

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compliance, barriers to compliance and develops a nursing plan of care accordingly.

4. Conducts safety risk assessment as required and consults with privileged providers for plan of care.

5. Effectively applies core case management functions: a) assessment and identification of patients for case management and need for an established plan of care; b) collaboration with the patient, family/caregiver, and members of the health care team for developing an effective plan of care; c) facilitation of care coordination and communication among all involved parties; d) advocate for the patient and family/caregivers to ensure identified education is appropriate and timely care is received. 6. Provides nursing support to psychiatry/med providers within nursing standards/scope of care

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Graduate of a NLN accredited school of nursing (BSN); Active, unrestrictive nursing license, BLS; 6 months of psych-mental health nursing experience.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter highlighting relevant experience and education, including three references, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS (as one PDF document) via email to the Commissioned Corps Program Office at dha.ncr.dha-hr.mbx.phs-ccteam@mail.mil. Please include the **Vacancy Announcement Number DHA-MH-AL-FL-002** in the subject line and in the body of your email. Failure to provide this information may impact your consideration for this position. Please direct any questions regarding this position or the application process to the email listed above.