



Job Description

Job Title: Registered Nurse

Reports to: Team Leader

Overview: The CASES Manhattan ACT team provides non-traditional community based mental health treatment to promote the recovery and community integration of 68 adults with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders living mainly in Upper Manhattan (Harlem and Inwood), to reduce use of ERs and inpatient hospital stays. The RN is an integral part of the team, providing health assessment, counseling, and medication management to promote recovery, wellness, and optimal health. The nurse provides services in the community within the framework of core ACT operating principles, professional nursing ethics, and State and City regulatory guidelines. This is a field-based position and requires at least 80% of services to be provided to consumers in their homes, shelters, primary healthcare providers, and other community settings. Specific responsibilities include:

Responsibilities:

- Primary responsibility for the development of individualized nursing assessments on all program participants. Develop, implement, and evaluate the nursing regimen for 68 recipients.
- Participate in implementing and maintaining nursing standards
- Participate in determining resources and policies essential to the delivery of nursing care services
- Assess medical care needs and other services to support wellness
- Recommend health objectives for recipients' service plans
- Facilitate consumer education on prevention, health, wellness, diet, HIV/AIDS education, smoking cessation and recovery
- During the assessment obtains information: a) to establish the degree of medical risk, medical care and interventions required to promote positive health outcomes, and b) to lead team in primary care issues
- Provide education to ACT staff on physical health issues and medical care protocols
- Act as advocate and liaison for recipients in securing medical care, and other community supports that promote integrated physical and mental health wellness
- Review and audit medication management procedures and teach all ACT staff how to follow and adhere to the procedures

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- Provide supervision to the LPN on medication inventory oversight and medication management procedures
- Coordinate ACT team medical care in coordination with psychiatrist
- Ensure all consumers have primary care provider and receive annual physical and dental examinations and maintain prescription schedule
- Provide individual health counseling as needed
- Administer IM's and vaccines, plants and reads PPD's, and performs phlebotomy as per orders
- Transcribe orders and updates Medication Administration Records
- Monitor vital signs and side effects of medications and reports findings to Team
- Evaluate, on a continuing basis, nursing intervention and expected outcomes
- Involve family, significant others, landlord and housing providers in service provision
- Build in review and evaluation points, and modifies the service plan in the light of feedback from recipients and relevant others
- Meet monthly required levels of treatment contacts
- Provide 24-hour emergency and crisis intervention response on rotating, on-call basis
- Provide at least 80 percent of treatment contacts in the community
- Complete assessments, progress notes, and significant data
- Provide culturally competent services in accordance with CASES policies and practice
- Any other duties as required by supervisory and directors.

Position entails a 35 hour a week commitment from Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Qualifications:

- Registered Nurse (RN) with current New York State license
- At least three years of experience working with adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders
- Experience understanding various models and theories pertaining to treatment of serious mental illness and risk management
- Extensive knowledge of healthcare, community treatment, support services and resources
- Ability to work effectively with diverse team and remain highly organized and self-motivated
- Proficient in computers and fluency in Spanish preferred

Salary: Commensurate with experience

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How to apply: E-mail cover letter and resume with salary history and requirements in Rich Text Format (RTF) or Word 2002 format to **casesjobs@cases.org**. Please list the title of the position you are applying for in the subject line. No phone calls please. Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

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