



SENECA COUNTY

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

CIVIL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



**Mental Health Clinical Therapist
\$26.07 per hour**

Full benefits package including NYS Retirement

RESIDENCY: Seneca County's residency requirement of residency in Seneca County or contiguous county for 30 days has been waived for this position. Candidates must be legal residents of New York State at time of application.

Preference in appointment may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality in which appointment is to be made for at least one month prior to the date of application and are residents of such municipality at the time of appointment.

PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS: College graduates with student loans may be eligible to have part of their loan paid for after being employed in a full-time position at Seneca County. Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/public-service-loan-forgiveness.pdf>.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of an appropriate equivalency diploma recognized by the NYS Department of Education, **AND**

Possession of a Master's Degree in psychology or a related field such as Community Counseling, Education Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Art Therapy, vocational Rehabilitation, etc. from a regionally accredited college or University or a graduate school approved by the New York State Department of Education.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS:

Possession of a valid New York State Driver's License is required and must be maintained throughout employment.

Please apply online at <https://seneca-portal.mycivilservice.com/jobopps>

Applications Accepted

Until Position Is Filled

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

These duties involve responsibility for providing intensive individual and group therapy for patients with emotional, social and related problems at the County Mental Health Clinic. The Mental Health Clinical therapist also serves as a member of the clinic team working with other staff members in assessing, diagnosing and planning treatment for patients. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the Program Director of Clinical Services or his/her designee who may define and limit the work to be performed. Employees of this class also provide consultation services to other community agencies to assist them in understanding and dealing with individual cases. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only):

Provides intensive individual and group therapy to individuals, including children and adults, with emotional, social and related problems;
Serves as a member of the clinic team, providing mental health, social work or psychological expertise, to assist in assessing and diagnosing patients and planning for their treatment;
Works independently in making complete intake studies of new or readmitted patients;
Provides consultation services for other community agencies to assist them in understanding and working with individual cases;
Attends and participates in in-service training programs for clinic staff and staff members of cooperating agencies;
Takes part in speaking engagements, panel discussions and community meetings concerned with community mental health programs;
Refers patients to community agencies, which can provide necessary services;
Compiles case records and maintains statistical records on case load and work activities;
May administer and score psychological tests within the scope of their professional discipline as part of the diagnostic study of patients;
May transport clients;
Serves as a member of the "On Call" team;
Participates as a member of the emergency crisis intervention team on call after normal office/business hours.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND/OR PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of the practices and procedures of mental health therapy, social work or psychology; good overall understanding of human behavior; ability to assess, diagnose, test where appropriate, and clinically treat individuals (adults and children) and families diagnosed with a mental illness; ability to organize work effectively; ability to interpret federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting mental and health programs; ability to prepare and present oral and written reports; tact and courtesy; integrity; good judgment.

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