

Behavioral Health Consultant – Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences

**Keck School of Medicine of USC, Department of Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences,
Division of Student Counseling and Mental Health**

Los Angeles, California

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Position Description

The Department of Psychiatry & The Behavioral Sciences of the Keck School of Medicine of USC is seeking an experienced **Behavioral Health Consultant** (BHC) for the Division of Student Counseling and Mental Health, primary practice site at the Engemann Student Health Center. The (BHC) will be embedded within the primary care environment to assist medical clinicians in the detection and treatment of commonly occurring mental and behavioral health concerns that may include sleep disturbance, substance use, depression, anxiety, pain, chronic disease management, crisis evaluation, and sexual health concerns. The BHC program will integrate physical and mental health services in order to promote whole-person wellness. The BHC will facilitate increased access to mental health care, reduced stigma around seeking services, promotion of student self-management of disease and illness, enhanced inter-professional collaboration between medical and mental health providers, and facilitation of student engagement in specialty mental health care when indicated.

The ideal candidate will have expertise in ambulatory Primary Care and knowledge of the characteristics and health needs of a university population. Candidates should have excellent interpersonal communication skills and demonstrate a commitment to interprofessional practice, cultural competence, and quality improvement.

Job Accountabilities/Duties

- In a fast-paced primary care setting: provide assessment, consultation, and brief intervention for psychological/psychiatric concerns and/or disorders.
- Assess needs of primary care providers related to behavioral health services.
- Facilitate appropriate referrals to specialty care, traditional counseling services, campus services, community services and/or providers.
- Provide effective treatment planning and assist clients in successfully achieving goals.
- Evaluate crisis situations and apply appropriate interventions.
- Provide walk-in behavioral health services as needed.

- Provide Saturday coverage and after-hours on-call service as assigned.
- Actively participate in meetings that support the University Health Service's collaborative health care model to provide collaborative care for students.
- Compile or develop educational materials to support effective brief interventions.
- Serve as liaison between departments as needed.
- Work under the joint administrative supervision of the Medical Director and Mental Health Director.

Minimum Qualifications

- Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from an APA-accredited program, or Master of Social Work
- Licensed in the state of California
- Experience in or demonstrable working knowledge of BHC care model
- Ability to work through brief patient contacts as well as to make quick and accurate clinical assessments of behavioral conditions

Desired Qualifications

- Working knowledge of behavioral medicine and evidence-based treatments for mental health conditions
- Interest in development of additional knowledge of behavioral interventions related to medical conditions
- Ability to adapt to pace of primary care
- Experience working with an interdisciplinary team
- Strong communication skills, including consistent follow up with medical providers
- Knowledge of psycho-pharmacology
- Familiarity with Point and Click or other electronic health record system.

Application Deadline: Until position is filled.

Starting Date: Negotiable

This is a faculty position in the Division of Student Counseling and Mental Health in the Department of Psychiatry & The Behavioral Sciences in the Keck School of Medicine of USC. The position is full-time, 12 months/year. Salary is competitive, and contingent on experience. A generous benefits package includes health insurance, sick time, paid vacation, professional days, and a stipend for professional development.

The University of Southern California is one of the world's leading private research universities with approximately 43,000 students from all 50 states and boasts one of the largest international student bodies in the country. USC is located in the heart of Los Angeles, a culturally rich metropolitan city, and is close to both beach and mountains with wonderful outdoor recreation opportunities. The mild temperatures along with the city's average of 329 days of sun per year makes Los Angeles a wonderful city to live and work.

The University of Southern California strongly values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity in employment. All genders and members of all racial and ethnic groups, people with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

Please submit application, CV, cover letter, and 3 letters of recommendation to:

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