



Licensed Masters' Level Clinician Clinical High Risk for Psychosis Treatment and Research

Job Location Boston, Massachusetts

Department Description: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center / Harvard Medical School

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Brief Job Summary: We are seeking applicants for a **.80 FTE Licensed Masters' Level** clinician to begin in mid-June 2019. This clinician will work as a member the Psychosis Research Program (PRP) of BIDMC, in our clinical high risk for psychosis (CHR-P) clinical and research program. The clinician will have combined roles as clinician in the CEDAR Clinic (www.cedarclinic.org) and the North American Prodrome Longitudinal Study (NAPLS-3).

The Center for Early Detection, Assessment, and Response to Risk (CEDAR) is an innovative specialized coordinated specialty center for young people aged 12-30 who are experiencing new or worsening symptoms that may be warning signs for psychosis. The CEDAR Clinic is a satellite clinic of the Brookline Center for Community Mental Health (although the candidate will be a BIDMC employee). The clinician will be an integral part of the interdisciplinary team that includes psychology, psychiatry, nursing and trainees from different disciplines. The clinician will provide comprehensive clinical assessments and consultations, as well as individual, family, and possibly group treatment to teens and young adults experiencing CHR-P. The clinician serving in this role will receive specialized training in assessing risk for psychosis, DSM-5 diagnoses, and social and role functioning as well as specialized treatment for youth at CHR-P (including CBT, acceptance and commitment therapy, and family focused treatment). Additional educational opportunities in the emerging science of early intervention for psychosis and major mental illness will be available on a regular basis within our in-service educational programs. This position offers many opportunities for development of specialized skills and knowledge.

NAPLS-3 is a longitudinal study monitoring young people (age 12-30) showing signs of CHR-P for psychosis over 2 years, including clinical, cognitive, neuroimaging, and biological assessments, with the aim to understand predictors of developing fully psychotic symptoms. The clinician will be responsible for conducting clinical assessments for participants completing follow-up assessments.

Essential Responsibilities for the CHR-P Clinician in CEDAR and Research Include:

1. Complete specialized training to conduct the Structured Interview for Psychosis Risk Syndromes (SIPS), and the Structured Clinical Interview for the DSM-5 (SCID) and other clinic and research assessments.
2. Conduct CHR-P-P specialized intakes and consultations; provide feedback and psychoeducation to youth, families, and community providers. The CEDAR Clinic and CHR-P research programs see youth and families that are richly diverse in ethnicity/culture, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, and clinical presentation.
3. Complete required ongoing trainings (reliability, etc.) on CHR-P and other diagnostic assessments.
4. Provide CHR-P specialized individual and family and care coordination.

5. Coordinate care with other members of the CEDAR team and external providers as clinically relevant (e.g., inpatient providers, schools, etc.)
6. Contribute to training of undergraduate and graduate trainees in CEDAR as well as participate in CHR-P community outreach trainings

Required Qualifications:

1. Master's Degree professional (LMHC or LICSW) independently licensed in Massachusetts.
2. At least two years of relevant experience, either in a research setting or in clinical work with youth with major mental health issues or psychotic illnesses.
3. Strong verbal, organizational, and writing skills, attention to detail, and potential for flexibility once per week for evening assessments and groups.
4. Ability to write clearly and complete collateral work in a timely manner.
5. The ideal candidate will have experience working with adolescents and their families, an understanding of psychological disorders, structured interviewing and clinical research, and familiarity with Boston-area youth services and schools.
6. Commitment to cultural humility when working with youth and families that are richly diverse in culture and background, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion, socioeconomic status, ability, etc.
7. Fluency in another language (e.g., Spanish) is a plus.

Physical Nature of the Job:

1. Light work: May involve occasionally exerting up to 20 pounds of force to move objects. Some elements of the job are sedentary, but the employee will be required to stand for periods of time or move throughout the hospital campus. Must be able to travel to other sites occasionally for meetings.

Applications

Applications are being accepted immediately, on a rolling basis until the position is filled, with interviews anticipated to occur in early May, and hiring decisions by the end of May. Applicants should send a letter of interest, CV/resume, undergraduate transcript (unofficial is acceptable), and 2 letters of reference (which may be sent separately and later by referrers).

Please email applications and questions to:

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