

# Job Description for Addiction Counselor

| Department:      | Clinic Management |
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| Dept.#:          | 7083              |
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## **Reports To**

Clinic Manager

### **Job Summary**

The Addiction Counselor provides consultation and counseling services to individuals and families experiencing addictions. Including the causes and effects of addictions, support for families dealing with additions and/or referrals for treatment. The addiction counselor will also provider education to patients and families about addiction.

#### **Duties**

- Counsels individuals and families experiencing addictions
- Provide education to patients and families about addiction
- Complies with personnel policies and hospital safety policies
- Maintains confidentiality when interacting with patients, families, personnel and the public
- Takes responsibility for meeting own learning needs
- Attends staff meetings as requested
- Keeps adequate records of time spent including documentation in the patient's chart
- Responds in a timely manner to requests from inter-disciplinary team members, physicians and their office staff, administration, industrial medicine and public agencies
- Meets and consults with other agency personnel as requested
- Makes referrals to a wide variety of community resources such as Public Health, CPS, APS, Touchstone Salvation Army, Mental Health, Community Counseling Center, private counselors as needed
- Reviews patient charts when a request for counseling is received

#### **Qualifications**

- Certified Addiction Treatment Counselor
- Ability to interact with patients, families, physicians, co-workers and community agencies
- Maintains confidentiality
- Ability to organize and prioritize multiple requests and duties
- Ability to maintain high moral standards both at work and in the community

#### **Lifting Requirements**

Sedentary—generally lifting not more than 10 lbs. maximum and occasionally lifting and/or carrying such articles as ledgers, files, and small items.