

ASSESSOR (RESEARCH STUDY ASSISTANT)

Req #: 146689
Department: SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Job Location: Seattle Campus
Posting Date: 06/22/2017
Closing Info: Closes On 07/13/2017
Salary: 50% of \$2,617 - \$3,304/month
Union Position: Yes

This classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit [Union Information](#)

Shift: First Shift

Notes: **As a UW employee, you will enjoy generous benefits and work/life programs. For a complete description of our benefits for this position, please visit our website, [click here](#).**

The University of Washington (UW) is proud to be one of the nation's premier educational and research institutions. Our people are the most important asset in our pursuit of achieving excellence in education, research, and community service. Our staff not only enjoy outstanding benefits and professional growth opportunities, but also an environment noted for diversity, community involvement, intellectual excitement, artistic pursuits, and natural beauty.

Social justice, empowerment, multiculturalism, social change are at the heart of our mission at the **UW School of Social Work**. We believe that the true test of the quality of a society is in the way it responds to its most vulnerable members. Teaching, research, and community service are not abstract; rather, they are intensely practical, focusing on critical issues that matter to individual lives and to society at large.

As members of the University of Washington School of Social Work, we are committed to promoting social and economic justice for poor and oppressed populations and enhancing the quality of life for all.

We have an outstanding opportunity for an **Assessor (20 hours/week)** to serve on the staff of a Department of Defense funded study, "The Stress Check-Up." This is a four-year study (currently in the 1st year) evaluating a brief telephone-delivered motivational enhancement therapy intervention with active military personnel who have symptoms of posttraumatic stress and are not currently in treatment.

Innovative Programs Research Group

The IPRG is an externally-funded entity within the School of Social Work. Funding from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Department of Defense (DOD) is currently

supporting studies in which psychosocial interventions are being evaluated with adults in randomized controlled trials. Other than “The Stress Check-Up”, we are also running:

- The Teen Marijuana Check-Up: This study will evaluate two methods for training school based health providers in the Teen Marijuana Check-Up and evaluate the effectiveness of this intervention for reducing marijuana use among teens when delivered under real-world conditions.

Basic Functions and Responsibilities

Among this individual's key responsibilities will be conducting telephone screenings and assessments with study participants, and assisting the Project Director and Data Manager with subject recruitment and other research tasks.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

- Participate in Assessor training.
- Conduct structured clinical diagnostic interviews over the phone.
- Assist callers in crisis as needed
- Enter data into online database management program
- Implement procedures of participant enrollment, treatment assignment, tracking and data collection.
- Administer procedures for tracking enrolled participants (e.g., making reminder calls for interviews, sending reminder letters, following up with those who miss sessions).
- Assist with preparation of regular and periodic status reports concerning participant enrollment, attendance, attrition and retention, and tracking.
- Assist with human subjects applications and protocols
- Assist the Project Director with recruitment and marketing activities.
- Participate, as needed, in additional tasks associated with the implementation of this study.

This position provides opportunities to join a team that embraces their position of leadership in the field of social work and joins in partnership with others committed to solving human problems in the twenty-first century.

Requirements:

- Two years of college-level course work in a relevant academic area AND one year of appropriate experience OR equivalent education/experience.
- Training in diagnostic assessment in mental health.
- Experience with clinical populations with posttraumatic stress disorder.

Additional Requirements:

- Training and/or knowledge in ethical conduct of research with human subjects.
- Ability to establish good rapport with patients in a clinical assessment context.

- Ability to work as a collaborative, cooperative, and congenial member of a close knit scholarly and administrative team, as well as work independently.
- Ability to communicate effectively, in both written and oral formats.
- Excellent organizational & time management skills and careful attention to detail to satisfactorily perform job duties.
- Willingness and ability to adhere to clinical and research protocols.
- Comfort and experience with screening, assessing and interacting with participants who have psychological disorders such as substance abuse, PTSD, depression, etc.
- Experience with crisis intervention.
- Flexible to work weekdays and some evenings.

Desired:

- Masters degree in psychology, social work, or related field.
- Previous treatment outcome research experience.
- Knowledge of experimental design, as well as principles of valid and reliable assessment.
- Experience working with clients, patients, or customers on private, sensitive or “taboo” topics.
- Experience working with word-processing and database software.
- Familiarity and experience with military populations.
- Experience conducting telephone interventions.

Conditions of Employment

A satisfactory outcome from a criminal background verification will be required prior to hire.

Application Process:

The application process for UW positions may include completion of a variety of online assessments to obtain additional information that will be used in the evaluation process. These assessments may include Work Authorization, Criminal Conviction History, Cover Letter and/or others. Any assessments that you need to complete will appear on your screen as soon as you select “Apply to this position”. Once you begin an assessment, it must be completed at that time; if you do not complete the assessment you will be prompted to do so the next time you access your “My Jobs” page. If you select to take it later, it will appear on your "My Jobs" page to take when you are ready. **Please note that your application will not be reviewed, and you will not be considered for this position until all required assessments have been completed.**