

Employment Available



Position: Equine Therapist

Summary of Position: The Equine Therapist involves the co-facilitation of equine assisted therapy groups for all students as well as providing individual equine therapy sessions when recommended by the treatment team. This position involves correction of undesirable horse behavior through the use of natural horsemanship techniques. The Equine Therapist will also be responsible for reporting any horse injuries or health concerns to the Counseling Services Director and making decisions for healthy horse care. The employee may also be assigned to any horse care duties such as feeding, maintenance of stalls and horse health care. The Equine Therapist will work in conjunction with the Equine Specialist / Caretaker.

Accountability: Reports to the Counseling Services Director

Responsibilities:

1. Coordinates with Family Service Counselors and engages in individual, group, and family counseling for identified students, designing safe and appropriate activities based on the student or group needs. Facilitates a minimum of two to three small counseling groups to promote positive development. Assists with facilitation of family programming as requested.
2. Provides on-going communication through visits or other contacts with the students' parent(s)/guardian(s) as necessary to provide information both to and from direct care staff. Initiates professional contacts within Native American communities.
3. Notifies parent(s)/guardian(s) of all Equine Therapy services and specific situations (recognition, incidents, etc.)

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree (Counseling, Sociology, or Psychology)
- Computer literacy
- Licensure preferred
- Certification in Horsemanship skills or Equine Assisted Psychotherapy preferred.
- Complete ongoing training and certification in specific therapeutic model (ie EAGALA certification for Equine Assisted Psychotherapy delivery) within specified timeframe as dictated by agency.
- Group therapy facilitation skills for Equine Assisted Therapy.
- Ability to handle horses involving leading, grooming, saddling, and longeing.
- Must have a valid Driver's License

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