



Mental Health Counselor

Department: Student Health & Counseling Center
Recruitment #: S1952
Application Deadline: Review begins **October 1, 2019**. Position open until filled.
Monthly Salary: \$ 3787.00

Benefits:

Western Oregon University's offers an excellent benefits package for eligible employees which includes 95% premium paid healthcare, a generous retirement and vacation package, and reduced tuition rates for employee, spouse or dependent at any of the Oregon Public Universities. <http://www.wou.edu/hr/benefits/>

**A Licensed Professional Counselor will receive a 10% salary increase.

Department Summary:

This is a regular, 9-month (September – June), full-time, unclassified position in the Student Health & Counseling Center (SHCC) at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. The Student Health & Counseling Center provides medical care, sexual health services, mental health counseling, wellness education, prevention, and referral services for students enrolled at Western Oregon University. The mission of the SHCC is to facilitate the health and well-being of WOU students by providing quality and affordable outpatient care in an affirming, respectful, and compassionate environment.

The Student Health & Counseling Center is committed to providing an open, affirming, and inclusive environment for all WOU students. We invite students of all backgrounds to utilize our services with an expectation of receiving respectful and compassionate treatment. Discrimination in the areas of race, gender, sexual/affectional orientation, physical and mental ability, age, socio-economic status, and/or religious/spiritual belief is inconsistent with our mission and will not be reflected in the policies and procedures of this department. <http://www.wou.edu/health/>

Job Summary:

The counselor provides culturally informed care with an emphasis on students who identify as a historically marginalized population through general counseling and psychotherapy services to students in order facilitate and optimize quality of life.

The Counselor provides individual, couples, and group counseling services to a diverse student population experiencing general distress to more severe concerns. This position provides clinical assessment, crisis intervention, case management, and treatment planning for students in acute distress.

The Counselor maintains appropriate documentation and provides consultation to parents, families, faculty, and staff. This includes participating in programming for classes, residence halls, and being a support staff for other department's programming. This position participates in staff meetings, provider meetings, and student affairs gatherings.

The Counselor participates in the on-call rotation for after-hours crisis calls.

We are not considering candidates who require Visa sponsorship support. Additionally, the university typically only considers visa support for employees placed in specialized positions that are continuing regular university appointments.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Master's degree or higher in counseling, social work, or closely related field
- Minimum one (1) year of experience working in a mental health field (internships will also qualify)
- Licensed or registered intern with the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists or other applicable licensing board.
- Experience in crisis work
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team-based approach
- Demonstrated commitment to inclusion, equity, and social justice

Preferred Qualifications:

- Fluency in a second language, preferably Spanish or American Sign Language
- Licensed Professional Counselor and/or board approved supervisor
- Minimum one (1) year of experience working in higher education
- Experience or training in one or more of the following areas: substance abuse, trauma, eating disorders, persistent mental illness, or addressing needs relating to marginalization/intersectionality
- Case management experience or training
- Represent a reflection of WOU student population including, but not limited to, race, sexual orientation, and language

*****A criminal background check will be required as a condition of employment***

Application Instructions:

You may submit all materials online at www.wou.edu/prostaffapp

Required application materials (PDF preferred):

1. WOU Employment Application available at www.wou.edu/prostaffapp
2. Letter of application that addresses each qualification of the position. Please include how your experience, education, and/or training might help us build a more inclusive, collaborative, and diverse community
3. Resume
4. Contact information for three references
5. Copy of unofficial transcripts for highest degree earned

As an alternative, you may also submit application materials to:

S1952, Mental Health Counselor, Human Resources, Western Oregon University, 345 Monmouth Ave N, Monmouth, OR 97361; OR E-mail to employment@wou.edu; OR fax to: 503-838-8144

Western Oregon University (WOU) is a mid-sized public comprehensive university located in the heart of Oregon's lush Willamette Valley. The university serves a large number of first-generation college students. WOU has received national recognition for its commitment and success in serving students. The campus is about 20 minutes from Salem, the state's capital, about 75 minutes from Portland, the state's cultural hub, and a short drive from the Oregon coast, mountains, and other scenic areas. The university is located in an increasingly diverse, bilingual, and rural area in the Willamette Valley. Our student body of about 4800 undergraduate and 600 graduate students enjoys a vibrant and close-knit intellectual community.

Western Oregon University is an AA/EOE/Veteran/Disability employer and is committed to fostering diversity in its student body, faculty, and staff.