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## Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

### Position Summary:

The role of a PMHNP involves diagnosing the nature and extent of mental health and/or substance abuse disorders, including emotional and behavioral disorders in children, adults, and senior adult clients. The PMHNP provides mental health/substance abuse (“MH/SA”) services to clients who have been diagnosed with a mental illness, emotional, behavioral and/or substance abuse disorder and clients who have not been diagnosed, but demonstrate symptoms. The PMHNP works in an outpatient ambulatory healthcare setting and an inpatient hospital setting, as needed and upon receiving medical staff consultations.

The PMHNP’s primary responsibilities include, but are not limited to: performing medical examinations and evaluations; diagnosing MH/SA, emotional, and/or behavioral disorders; implementing necessary/recommended treatment plans to include prescribing and administering psychotherapeutic treatments and/or medications and conducting laboratory and/or diagnostic tests, as appropriate; collaborating with precepting Physician(s) and other healthcare disciplines, as necessary; and initiating the referral process, as appropriate, for other recommended primary and specialty healthcare needs, all within the scope of the PMHNP’s expertise and agreed upon protocols. The PMHNP interviews clients, obtains medical histories, and works with patients to prevent MH/SA, emotional, and/or behavioral disorders from further progressing, teaching clients ways to cope, manage, and improve their overall health status, advising and informing guardians and relatives of clients’ conditions and treatments, as allowable by law.

The PMHNP assists in providing quality assurance/performance improvement reports for improving the quality of client care; actively participates in monthly staff meetings and quarterly Provider/Continuous Performance Improvement/Pharmacy and Therapeutics meetings; and performs other duties as assigned by the Clinical Director of Behavioral Health and/or Chief Executive Officer.

### Qualifications:

Licensed as an APRN and officially recognized as a PMHNP (Master’s Degree or appropriate equivalent) by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation’s Board of Nursing. The PMHNP must maintain prescriptive authority recognition in the state of South Carolina and hold a valid Federal DEA license. A minimum of five (5) years clinical nursing experience is required; one (1) year advanced practice experience as a PMHNP is preferred. The PMHNP must possess the ability to prioritize tasks and manage time efficiently and must be flexible as to the changing needs of SFHC, possessing the ability to work as a team player at all times. Current CPR certification is required; Advanced Care Life Support preferred.

### Work Environment:

Very busy atmosphere. Highly stressful when dealing with individual personalities of co-workers, patients and their families. Potential for regular exposure to blood-borne diseases (Category I). Potential for exposure to chemical hazards (Category B).



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**Physical Demands:**

Considerable sitting, standing or walking. Assists in lifting and moving patients as necessary. Lifts supplies/equipment up to 20lbs. occasionally, and/or up to 10lbs. frequently. Considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling, crouching. Must be able to act rapidly and effectively while following policies and procedures and utilize the principles of management during routine and emergency situations.

**How to Apply:**

If you are interested in applying, please download and print an application from our website:

[www.tandemhealthsc.org](http://www.tandemhealthsc.org). Return your completed application to:

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