

## **ALABAMA PSYCHIATRY**

### **OUT-PATIENT CERTIFIED REGISTERED MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**LOCATION:** Gadsden, Sylacauga, Montgomery, Pelham and Auburn clinics and Bowling Green, KY Kentucky Psychiatry.

**PRACTICE OVERVIEW:** Alabama Psychiatry (formerly River Region Psychiatry Associates) is a large, multi-site private practice with outpatient offices in Montgomery, Pelham, Auburn, Alabaster, Gadsden, and Sylacauga, AL and Bowling Green, KY, as well as inpatient services in several hospitals. Our staff currently includes Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists, Nurse Practitioners, Social Workers, Therapists, and Administrative Staff. Alabama Psychiatry is again expanding and looking to add to our psychology team with the addition of more psychologists.

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION:** Compensation includes competitive salary, regular daytime hours, full benefits (including health insurance, 401k, 23 annual PTO days, 8 paid holidays, and continuing education benefits), testing supplies, and possible relocation assistance.

**GENERAL SUMMARY:** A Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner is an advanced practice registered nurse who has acquired appropriate training to provide mental healthcare services to individuals, including adults and children, and families with drug abuse problem, psychiatric disorders or organic brain disorders.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The responsibilities for a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner entails diagnosing, conducting, and prescribing medications for patients having psychiatric-mental health problems and those likely to have them. The Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner is responsible for providing emergency psychiatric services, physical and psychosocial examination of their patients and developing appropriate treatment plans and providing effective management of patient care with proper evaluation.

**KNOWLEDGE:** Must possess the knowledge base in health promotion maintenance, advanced pathophysiology, advanced health assessment and pharmacology for advanced practice nurses. Must possess the following concepts: individual and family psychotherapy, psychiatric-mental health nursing across the lifespan, advanced assessment in psychiatric-mental health nursing and psychopharmacology.

**EDUCATION:** Must possess a minimum of a Master of Science in Nursing. Those six years are composed of a 4-year undergraduate nursing program followed by a 2-year nurse practitioner master's program that includes psychiatric nursing. Must possess an Alabama State License to practice Nursing and must be in good standing.

**EXPERIENCE:**

1. Responsible for providing outpatient care to patients showing a change or decline in mental status, chronic or urgent medical conditions.
2. Work independently with other members of the medical team, with entitlements to specific clinical privileges.
3. Perform patients' histories and physicals, risk factor assessment, ordering of therapeutic and diagnostic tests; and attend to patient appointments.
4. Prescribe medications following the clinic's policy, formulary and relevant regulations of the State of Alabama.
5. Consult with physicians on cases that are beyond the scope of qualifications.
6. Put all relevant patient data in medical records and case presentations.
7. Formulate, execute and review healthcare education delivered to patients and families for diseases prevention.
8. Ensure smooth communication with other health professionals for effective delivering of clinic service to patients.
9. Provide consultation to the clinic's nursing and medical staff for improvement in their work performance, which enhances overall quality service delivery of the clinic.
10. Treats patients by utilizing psychotherapeutic methods and medications; discussing progress toward goals with patients; providing instructions; monitoring effect of medications; supervising staff provision of services.
11. Assures quality and safe service for patients and staff by enforcing policies, procedures, standards, rules, CMS and private insurance requirements and legal regulations; participating in utilization reviews; remaining available for emergency situations in clinic.
12. Provide medication management and education to those seen as patients to ensure excellent clinical outcomes.

13. Works toward providing higher level of services to patients seen in the out-patient setting and capturing those billable hours in the documentation provided to the billing department.
14. Comply with the guidelines set by the Alabama and/or Kentucky Board of Medical Examiners and the Alabama and/or Kentucky Board of Nursing for collaboration and quality assurance program.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please send the following: cover letter, CV and three professional references; Send application materials all together to Carmen Knox, COO Alabama Psychiatry: [carmen@rrpa.us](mailto:carmen@rrpa.us). Consideration of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position(s) are filled.

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