LPT – Licensed Psychiatric Technician

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

• License: Completion of an accredited training program for Psychiatric Technician is required for entrance to testing. Possession of a valid license as a Psychiatric Technician issued by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician examiners of the State of California is required prior to employment.

• Knowledge of: Basic concepts of mental illness and mental health; the physical, emotional and social needs of emotionally disordered individuals; fundamentals of psychiatric terminology; principles and techniques involved in the care and treatment of individual or groups of mentally ill, or emotionally disturbed patients.

• Ability to: Apply routine psychiatric nursing care to mentally ill or emotionally disturbed patients; recognize symptoms indicative of adverse patient reactions; analyze situations accurately and take effective action; participate in treatment programs for patients; understand and follow written and oral directions; express ideas clearly and concisely, orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

Physical and Mental Requirements

• Mobility: Occasional operation of computers, sitting for long periods of time; frequent walking, pushing/pulling and bending/squatting;
• Lifting: Ability to constantly lift 5 pounds or less and frequently up to 70+ pounds;
• Vision; Constant overall vision; frequent reading and close-up work;
• Dexterity: Constant repetitive motion, writing, holding, reaching, grasping and writing;
• Hearing/Talking: Constant hearing normal speech, talking in person, talking on the telephone/radio;
• Emotional/Special Conditions: Constant decision making, public contact, concentration, working weekends/nights or overtime, exposure to trauma, grief and death.
• Environment conditions: Constant exposure to noise, dirt, dust, smoke, fumes, poor ventilation, cold, heat and hazardous materials;

Special Requirements

• Must possess valid Driver’s License.
• Must pass pre-employment Drug Screening.
• Constant exposure to assaultive behavior.
• The Psychiatric Health Facility will perform a background investigation on prospective employees to include criminal background information from State and Federal information banks.