

Peer Specialist – Visiting Nurse Service of New York

Overview

Visiting Nurse Service of New York (VNSNY) is the nation's largest not-for-profit community-based health system. VNSNY provides a comprehensive array of home- and community-based programs, including health plans, tailored to the needs of high-risk, vulnerable New Yorkers, improving their quality of life. Each day, more than 18,000 VNSNY employees — including nurses, rehabilitation therapists, social workers, dieticians, other allied professionals, and paraprofessionals — deliver compassionate care, unparalleled medical expertise, and 24/7 solutions and resources to more than 35,000 patients, helping them to live the best lives possible.

Department description: It provides early intervention. It meets the needs of each person and family and utilization of the person's own support systems. This program is available to individuals between 18-65.

Responsibilities

Job description: Provides a broad array of counseling/support services to individuals living with serious mental illness (SMI) and who have been diagnosed with psychosis. Shares personal, practical experience, knowledge, and first hand insight to benefit program enrollees. Works under general supervision.

Licensure: Valid driver's license may be required, as determined by operational/regional needs required.

Education: High school diploma or the equivalent required. NYC Peer Professional certificate or Provisional certificate required. Completes Need Adapted Treatment Model training within nine months of employment as directed by DOHMH.

Experience: Minimum of one year experience in a mental health, health care or human services setting required. Experience working with persons diagnosed with psychosis preferred. Experience with the mental health system and willingness to share personal and practical experience and knowledge appropriately and respectfully. Effective communication skills and ability to work independently required.

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