



## Mental / Behavioral Health Counselor

Walla Walla, WA

The Health Center (THC) is a highly respected independent, 501 (c)(3) non-profit School-Based Health Center located in the beautiful and tranquil Walla Walla Valley in Eastern Washington. We have been caring for the students of the Walla Walla Public School District since 2009 with the mission to advance the success of students by addressing their physical, emotional, and social needs. We provide high quality holistic, coordinated, and bi-directional integration of care through medical and mental health services, free of cost, to students. We currently have three clinic locations: Pioneer Middle, Lincoln High, and Walla Walla High School. We are currently planning for expansion to more schools in discussions.

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We are seeking a Mental Health Counselor who approaches student care with an innovative and compassionate lens. You will be working collaboratively with school staff, students, colleagues, and parents to provide the needed support for students to attain their healthiest selves.

**General Description:** The Mental Health Counselor will provide individual mental health counseling for student clients within one of our clinic locations. This position is full-time with approximately 34-38 hours per week. We follow the Walla Walla Public Schools schedule, which includes summers off, snow days, and work days are generally between 8am-3pm.

### What The Health Center Offers You:

- An incredible work place environment where you can use and strengthen your passions, skills, and training to directly impact and work with students (*and families as appropriate*).
- A place where you can use your creativity and unique personality strengths, exercise leadership, independence, and grow professionally in an amazing team oriented and extremely supportive environment.
- Supervision (*no cost, it's a perk!*) hours to meet accreditation and licensure requirements.
- Excellent work / life balance - because your job should not follow you home, but home must fit with your job.
- THC is a perfect place for social work and behavioral health Masters degree program professionals who want to experience an interesting and fulfilling practice of your skills, professionals with family responsibilities who need flexible work schedules, for professionals who are seeking to slow down but are not yet ready to retire, and those who are looking to build up their experience in a safe and encouraging environment.

### Your contribution:

- Provide individual mental health counseling for The Health Center clients consistent with standards established by the Washington State Department of Health and The Health Center policy.
- Complete required documentation (intake, visit notes, etc.).
- Participate with The Health Center interdisciplinary team to provide mental health care recommendations for students and/or multi-disciplinary team meetings with outside agencies.
- Consult with primary care providers, teachers, school counselors, and other mental health professionals. as needed.
- Make appropriate referrals, as needed,
- Provide parent consultations and family support meetings for students, as needed.

- Provide management, advocacy, and resource linkages.
- Maintain professional behavior and relations with school faculty, staff, and referral resources.
- Attend and actively participating in regularly scheduled clinical supervision with Behavioral Health Clinical Supervisor
- Assist The Health Center in following emergency procedure guidelines.
- Other duties as assigned.

## What are we looking for?

- Master's degree in Social Work, Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, or similar degrees
- Commitment to the mission and work of The Health Center.
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work alone or in an collaborate in a team environment.
- Excellent interpersonal relations, group facilitation skills, oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to deliver "best practice" individual, small group, and family counseling services.
- Compliance with Washington State and United States Federal laws and regulations for the provision of ambulatory mental health services.
- Ability to learn to or provide proper mental health record keeping and billing in compliance with HIPAA.
- Understanding of psychodynamics of children, adolescents, and treatment strategies for common mental health problems of children in adolescents.
- Comfortable with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Ability to handle multiple demands, prioritize and produce high-quality work under pressure.
- Commitment to accuracy in all tasks, attention to detail.
- Enthusiastic with a capacity and willingness to learn.
- Culturally sensitive and willing to work with persons from various socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities and preferences.

## What would get us excited?

- **Bilingual:** Spanish
- **Passion:** You are passionate about working with student and their families.
- **Management under pressure:** You never lose a sense of purpose and a sense of humor manage competing priorities in a fast-paced environment. You can make solid decisions under pressure and follow up on them so that things do not fall through cracks.
- **Excellent and skillful communicator:** You enjoy communicating with a variety of stakeholders. Your communication is friendly and professional.
- **Commitment:** You want to grow with the organization. The Health Center asks that you commit to working for at least one school year in this position.

**Position Status:** Non - Exempt (Hourly)

**Target start date:** TBD

**Email Resume and Letter of Interest to:** [careers@thehealthcenterww.org](mailto:careers@thehealthcenterww.org)

Position open until filled

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\*After 60 days of satisfactory employment