

Basic Healthcare Services, Udaipur

Position: Mental Health - Fellow

About the job

About Basic Health Services: Basic Health Care Services provides integrated primary healthcare to remote, rural communities of South Rajasthan through a network of primary healthcare clinics. Called AMRIT Clinics, they provide a combination of preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative services. Starting from Maternal-Child health, BHS has expanded its scope of services to include care for tuberculosis, other respiratory diseases, non-communicable diseases etc. For more information: visit bhs.org.in

About the position: Basic Healthcare Services has, in the past year, begun to integrate mental health among its scope of primary care services. The mental health program is a not a vertical program. This is what makes the role unique and challenging. The incumbent will learn all about operations of a primary care center in the most underserved areas of South Rajasthan, catering to a largely migrating, tribal population and service provision for other diseases, while also having to think about how one can also bring mental health to the mix in the most efficient and optimal manner.

Conducting research would be a helpful tool with which the fellow can document their experiences, and also generate formative documentation for the program. The fellow will be expected to work closely with the mental health executive, and the senior community engagement associate.

Eligibility Criteria/Requisite educational qualifications:

1. Possess either a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with 1-2 years of experience working in clinical/community-based mental health settings, in research or observer roles, or a Master's degree in Clinical/Counselling Psychology/Psychosocial Clinical Studies. Recent postgraduates are encouraged to apply.
2. Those with a Master's in Sociology/Anthropology/Public Health and any other related social science disciplines with a demonstrated interest in researching mental health will also be considered.
3. Are proficient in Hindi and English. Knowledge of languages local to Rajasthan would be a plus!

We don't expect you to have had prior experience in practicing as a counselor/psychologist. However, prior experience of researching mental health or public health is desirable.

Scope of responsibilities:

1. Assist in conducting primary research, including interviews and focus-group discussions in community practices and understanding around mental health/illness.
2. Assist in developing training material for training healthcare providers around mental health, and in delivering them.
3. Participate in building and strengthening community outreach activities around mental health.

What will a typical day in the life of a fellow look like?

No one day is similar to the other. Expect to do lots of hands-on, on-ground fieldwork through the structured field activities with health workers and community volunteers on some days, spend time in the clinics with nurses and primary care physicians on some, in the regional office in Gogunda sifting through and processing your experiences, and in the head office in Udaipur for supervision and experience sharing with the rest of the operations and management team.

Last Date to Apply: 31st March, 2024

Fellowship Duration: 1 year, subject to performance review after 6 months.

Place of work: Regional Office, Gogunda, Udaipur district, Rajasthan

Stipend: 22,000 INR inclusive of modest accommodation in Gogunda.

To Apply: Send a copy of your updated CV, and a writing sample (published or unpublished) to neha.desai@bhs.org.in with hr@bhs.org.in in cc

Short-listed candidates will be called for an online interview within 10 days after the last date of application.