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Job Title	Mental Health Specialist
Employer/ Agency	Driscoll Children's Hospital
Job Description	Mental Health Specialists provide a wide variety of services to include individual, family, collateral and group counseling, diagnostic evaluation, health and behavioral assessments, safety planning, crisis intervention, case management support, and referral to community resources as they address the impact of illness through mental health support and treatment. The Mental Health Specialist will provide compassionate care and mental health services (teletherapy and/or face to face) to the families of patients as well as to patients. The Mental Health Specialist will also offer mental health care and support to mothers in the hospital by providing mental health evaluating, referrals, resources, and individual/family counseling. Clinical areas of focus include depression, suicidal thoughts and behaviors, anxiety and psychosomatic disorders, child abuse and neglect, exposure to violence and trauma, family issues and conflicts, school and work failure, drug abuse and other co-occurring disorders, gender-identify issues, bereavement and more. They provide education to patients, families and hospital staff regarding health, safety, and psychosocial issues. They work in collaboration with physicians and other patient care staff and sensitize the team on the social and emotional aspects of a patient's illness and the impact of the illness on the family. Additionally, the Mental Health Specialist will develop and implement informational, educational, and emotionally supportive programs for families and hospital staff. This position will require some evening and/or weekend work.
Qualifications	Master's degree in Behavioral Health, Psychology, Social W Licensure by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners  LCSW, LCSW-S, or LMSW under supervision  OR  Licensure by the Texas State Board of Professional Counselors  LPC or LPC-Associate or Counseling
Salary/Hours	This position will require some evening and/or weekend work. Overnight/Weekends in the ED
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Application Method	https://driscoll.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/DHS/job/Mental-Health-Specialist_JR109979
Opening Date	Immediately

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