

## ***MERCE Family Healthcare Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Opportunity (in a Family Medicine Setting)***

**Description:** MERCE Family Healthcare is currently recruiting a compassionate, team- oriented psychiatric nurse practitioner to assess, diagnose and prescribe medication for MERCE Behavioral Health patients. This position is responsible for treating patients with diagnosed disorders, as well as those with family histories or other factors that increase the likelihood of potential mental illness. In keeping with nurse practitioners' holistic approach to health care, the psychiatric nurse practitioner shall educate and inform patients and their families about mental health issues, effective care of medication management and steps they can take to boost their care. Typical duties for the psychiatric NP position include assessing and diagnosing mental health problems like anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, substance abuse or dementia; other patients may struggle with grief, anger, adjustment issues or other conditions. Diagnostic steps for these problems include recording a patient's verbal history, performing a physical exam and ordering diagnostic tests. When a diagnosis is made, the nurse practitioner develops and manages a treatment plan, prescribing medication and collaboration with behavioral health team. This position provides services in a clinical setting for patients with diverse backgrounds who come from various economic backgrounds. Excellent interpersonal skills and a desire to work with the under-served are a must.

### **Requirements:**

Completion of a MSN or DNP program; NC License to practice as a nurse practitioner plus advanced practice course completion in psychiatric mental health. Controlled Substance Registration certificate from the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA certificate"), Basic Life Support certification and an active NC Medicaid provider number.

At least 5 years' experience within the mental health field required. Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred.

**The Practice:** MERCE Family Healthcare has been operating since 1992 as a private, non-profit organization. MERCE was designated a Federally Qualified Health Center in 2007. Operation hours at the medical facility are Monday through Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm and Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm.

Our medical staff cares for a variety of patients within the entire family practice spectrum. Our patient mix includes self-pay as well as Medicare, Medicaid and those with private insurance. Call is telephone only; no hospital call required.

**The Community:** Asheboro/Randolph County, NC is a part of the Piedmont Triad region, a six-county area whose central location puts it within 90 miles of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the west and within 200 miles of the Atlantic Ocean to the east. Asheboro sits in the middle of the Eastern Seaboard, within 500 miles of half of the nation's population and largest markets. The region is united by the Piedmont Triad International Airport, interstate highways, a score of colleges and universities, and a rich cultural life. Asheboro is convenient to Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Chapel Hill and Burlington.

Although Asheboro is a part of the largest metropolitan area located entirely within North Carolina, it is still small-town living at its best - close enough to larger cities to have access to the amenities, but small enough to escape such urban problems as traffic congestion, higher unemployment, and an increasing crime rate.

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