

## **Why Newport?**

Located on a 65-acre Nature Preserve in beautiful, rural Bethlehem, CT, Newport Academy has assembled the best adolescent mental health and substance abuse treatment staff in the country. We're dedicated to empowering teens and restoring families.

The staff of our integrated and holistic treatment team are recognized as leaders in their respective fields. These include medical professionals, psychiatrists, licensed therapists, psychologists, family therapists, trauma specialists, certified counselors, teen nutrition experts. We offer individual, group and family therapy as well as equine assisted therapy, meditation, yoga, martial arts and a variety of experiential therapies.

The Newport Academy program provides the safety, support and, above all, the unconditional love that teens and their families need in order to heal.

Our employees are passionate about what they do! They work hard every day to ensure that we create the best possible environment for healing.

Do you have what it takes to be part of our team? We offer very competitive salaries and benefits. Newport Academy is an amazing place to work!

We are currently looking for a Part Time or Full-time Equine Therapist to join us.

Candidates must be a licensed MSW, LPC, PsyD or Ph.D., and have some form of therapeutic equine training. The equine therapist will be required to provide equine sessions for individuals, groups and families. The equine therapist may carry a caseload and would be responsible for behavioral health assessment diagnosis, and therapy to individuals and their families.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Provides equine therapy to clients and their families.
- Works with the barn manager on any equine issues.
- Provides appropriate individual, group or family therapy to clients
- Regularly evaluate the progress of therapy and incorporate changes as indicated
- Fully document all therapeutic interventions.
- Produce assessment reports that address bio-psycho-social issues and include an analysis and synthesis of all information gathered during the assessment process as well as recommendations for treatment.
- Attend treatment team meetings
- Participate as a member of interdisciplinary teams with members of clients' families and other professionals to facilitate meeting the identified goals for clients.
- Attend and participate in required staff meetings and trainings
- Any other duties as assigned.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

- Excellent oral and written communication
- Trained in some form of equine therapy
- Knowledge of Adult and Adolescent Mental Health principles, methods, procedures, and standards
- Knowledge of principles of individual and family-centered services
- Sensitivity to cultural diversity and differences
- Ability to utilize appropriate crisis intervention techniques
- Understanding of the impact of substance abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness on individuals, families, parenting, and relationships; and the ability to utilize that understanding to influence therapeutic approach.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of people from various socio-economic and educational backgrounds.
- Ability to assess and provide treatment in a variety of settings
- Ability to complete job responsibilities autonomously without daily oversight.
- Ability to work flexible hours including occasional evenings and weekends.

**Qualifications:**

- Master's Degree in Behavioral Health related field
- Licensed as a LPC, MSW, PsyD or Ph.D.
- Knowledge of clinical and social work
- Knowledge of equine assisted mental health
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification
- Clean Criminal History/Background Check
- Valid Driver's License and have a clean driving record

Qualified Applicants, please respond to the Human Resources Manager and include your resume and cover letter.

**About Newport Academy:** Newport Academy is a gender-specific, comprehensive residential treatment program for adolescents suffering from mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse issues. The program combines the key elements essential in effectively treating adolescent girls and boys with substance abuse, eating disorders and other mental health disorders. As compared with adults, adolescents have higher rates of dual diagnosis and developmental differences. Adolescent treatment needs can be challenging and often involves more comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approaches. At Newport Academy, we deliver a highly individualized, holistic approach to treatment where psychological, biological, spiritual, social and educational needs are continually assessed and revised throughout the treatment process.