



APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN

Counseling and Family Services

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LICENSED & LICENSE-ELIGIBLE CLINICAL COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION: The Licensed/License-Eligible Counselor shall be responsible to provide clinical counseling based on biblical principles and in support of the doctrine and traditions of the Apostolic Christian Church of America.

REPORTS TO: Clinical Director

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be a member of the Apostolic Christian Church, in good standing, with the approval of his/her local elder and support the Apostolic Christian Church of America Statement of Faith.
2. Must have a minimum of a Master's degree in counseling (or closely related field) from an accredited academic institution.
3. Must either have a license in the State of Illinois to provide professional counseling or be on a path to achieve licensure.
4. Must agree with and support the Statement on Marriage and Sexuality as defined by the Apostolic Christian Church of America.
5. Must be committed to serve the entire spectrum of the Apostolic Christian Church membership.
6. Must agree with and comply with the ACCFS Charter, Core Values, and Counseling Philosophy.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

Spiritual Readiness

- Have and maintain a consistent Christian walk that is above reproach before the world.
- Have a servant's spirit, a learner's mind, and an appreciation for the diversity of gifts and talents in the Body of Believers
- Be fully committed to the study of God's word, sound in biblical doctrine and in opposition of false doctrine.

Counseling

- Provide individual, marital, family, and group therapy, as needed.
- Perform assessments that include diagnostic interviewing, referrals for testing, and treatment planning to address the client's issues.
- Provide consultations to people seeking information about mental health issues or relationship problems in themselves or others.
- Participate in the development and sharing of informational content to support the agency and the church denomination.
- Participate in providing information/mentoring to people from the AC church that are going to school in mental health-related fields.

EXPECTATIONS FOR PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Breadth:** Each ACCFS counselor is expected to be able to address general counseling issues across a broad range of clients. These include being able to help clients with issues such as dealing with stress, grief, conflict resolution, etc.
- **Depth:** Each ACCFS counselor is expected to develop an area or areas of clinical specialty for which s/he can provide in depth assessment and intervention. Examples include, eating disorder, OCD, etc.
- **Continuing Education:** Each ACCFS counselor is expected to participate in ongoing continuing education and personal/professional skill development. They are responsible to keep themselves abreast of current developments in the state of the mental health field. This includes general awareness of areas that are not considered to be each counselor's specialty areas.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- Critical thinking skills.
- Ability to take the perspective of people from the cross section of the church.
- Ability to conceptualize how materials will be received by the church membership.
- Personal management and organization.
- Ability to think creatively and openly.
- Effective oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to become proficient in using telehealth and an electronic medical record.