



Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center

Serving the Counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota

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TOBACCO CESSATION SPECIALIST

Position Description

The Tobacco Cessation Specialist (TCS) will plan, conduct and evaluate support groups for patients who are trying to quit smoking at various clinical settings in Gulfcoast South Area Health Education Center (GSAHEC)'s service area (Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties). The TCS will also educate health care providers in GSAHEC's rural and underserved communities on tobacco cessation best practices. The TCS will provide tobacco prevention education and information, and support community efforts to create/sustain tobacco free environments in partnership with other organizations.

Frequent local travel and occasional out-of-state travel is required.

Qualifications

The preferred candidate should have a Master's Degree in a social service or health/mental health related field with a minimum of years of relevant experience. PA-Cs, RNs, Social Workers and other clinicians with a Bachelors degree and significant experience in tobacco prevention and cessation will also be considered. The candidate must have experience in group facilitation and counseling. Previous experience in tobacco prevention/cessation is highly desirable. The candidate must possess excellent communication, organization and planning skills. Knowledge and/or experience in strategic planning, adult education, and multicultural settings are essential. Proficiency in word processing, database management (access 2007), PowerPoint and online technologies is highly desirable. Bilingual skills are a plus. This position involves travel throughout GSAHEC's service area, so reliable transportation and a valid Florida driver's license are required.

Compensation

Salary is in the mid \$40's with excellent benefits.

Submit resume & cover letter to Edna Apostol via fax or email only. No calls please.

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