



The Department of Psychiatry is seeking a **Social Work Specialist I** to provide very specialized therapy services through the **Intellectual Disability/Mental Illness (IDMI) program**. The Social Work Specialist I will be an active member of a specialized interdisciplinary team of social work, nursing, psychiatry,

psychology, and medicine with expertise supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental illness, and challenging behaviors.

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The University of Iowa, Department of Psychiatry offers competitive salary, excellent benefits, and a collegial professional environment. The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has been recognized as one of the best hospitals in the United States and is Iowa's only comprehensive academic medical center and regional referral center. We are committed to providing patient-focused care—available to every person, around the clock—in an environment devoted to innovative care, excellent service, and exceptional outcomes.

### **Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide outpatient psychotherapy services for individuals with behavioral needs with a specific focus on children, adolescents and/or adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Write reports including treatment recommendations.
- Comply with standards regarding attendance, documentation, and continuous quality improvement, data collection, clinic policies and the Code of Ethics.
- Provide education and consultation to patients/families and care providers.
- Interface with safety and security, nursing, and physicians to support patients with behavioral needs throughout the hospital.
- Work within the state's only tertiary academic medical center to offer unique opportunities for program development and application of skills for very complex patients.
- Maintain effective working relationships with faculty, staff, students, and the public.

### **Required Education, Certifications, and Qualifications**

- A master's degree in social work is required.
- Must be Iowa licensed as an Independent Social Worker (LISW) by time of hire.
- Certification by the Academy of Certified Social Workers is desirable.
- Minimum 3 years Social Work experience which includes experience in behavioral therapies.
- Any prior experience providing psychotherapy to child/adolescent patients.
- Demonstrated experience with evidence-based practices including but not limited to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, and Applied Behavior Analysis.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated experience collaborating as part of multi-disciplinary care teams, including ability to effect change and resolve recalcitrant problems.
- Demonstrated experience promoting a diverse workforce/academic environment.

### **Desirable Qualifications**

- Experience providing individual, family, and group psychotherapy services.
- Any prior experience providing behaviorally based therapy to individuals with intellectual disabilities.
- Training and supervision experience.

### **Compensation and Benefits**

This position comes with a full University of Iowa benefits package for an SEIU employee. Salary is based upon qualifications, education, and experience. See: [SEIU Pay Plan | University Human Resources - The University of Iowa \(uiowa.edu\)](#)