

## **Certified Peer Specialists**

\$15.09 - \$20.08 /hourly; \$31,508 - \$41,927 /annually

**Annandale, MN**

Community Behavioral Health Hospitals (CBHHS) in Annandale is seeking Certified Peer Specialists to join our team as State of Minnesota employee. CBHHS is a small inpatient psychiatric facility providing rapid assessment and stabilization for adults experiencing an acute mental health episode.

The role of the Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) is to support patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders in their recovery. These team members facilitate the development of recovery skills and supports individuals and learning teams by providing hope, encouragement, support, self-determination, and connection to the community. The CPS must be able to model wellness, personal responsibility, self-advocacy, and hopefulness through appropriate sharing of their story, role modeling how needs individuals are respectfully met, and how a belief in one's self and recovery is maintained.

Job duties include:

- Provide opportunities for individuals receiving integrated services to direct their own recovery process.
- Reinforce and support acquisition and utilization of skills needed to facilitate individual recovery.
- Promote the knowledge of available service options and choices.
- Promote the utilization of natural resources within the community when appropriate.
- Facilitate the development of a sense of wellness and self-worth.
- Support the recovering person.
- Provide supportive services during times of patient crisis/relapse as assigned.
- Teach and reinforce personal care/self-help, substance abuse recovery and relapse prevention skills, as indicated in the treatment plan.
- Support facility operations through personal initiative, positive attitude, cooperation, and good work habits.

### **Benefits:**

The State of Minnesota offers an excellent employee benefits package, including low-cost medical and dental insurance with affordable dependent coverage, employer paid life insurance, short and long term disability, pre-tax flexible spending accounts, retirement plan, tax-deferred compensation, generous vacation and sick leave, and 11 paid holidays each year.

### **Qualifications:**

To qualify, applicants must:

- Have previously completed the DHS-approved [Minnesota Certified Peer Specialist Training](#) and successfully passed the certification exam;
- Be identified as having "lived experience" with a mental health diagnosis;
- Have demonstrated living in recovery for at least two (2) years;
- Be at least 21 years of age;
- Hold a GED, high school diploma or equivalent;
- Have the ability to allow clients their own definition of recovery (person centered);
- Be proficient in oral and written communication skills;
- Be able to use computer or be willing to learn;
- Be able to establish and role model trusting recovery focused relationships;
- Be able to work independently and as a team member.

Apply online by **Wednesday, September 26th** at  
[www.mn.gov/careers](http://www.mn.gov/careers), search by job ID# 21363

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Contact the helpdesk at 651-259-3637 or [careers@state.mn.us](mailto:careers@state.mn.us).

You can also visit <http://www.mn.gov/mmb/careers/applicant-help>.

*Our mission as an employer is to actively recruit, welcome and support a workforce, which is diverse and inclusive of people who are underrepresented in the development of state policies, programs and practices, so that we can support the success and growth of all people who call Minnesota home.*