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**University of Houston  
Graduate College of Social Work**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY POSTING**

**Job Title:** Social Worker

**Employer/ Agency:** Texas Children's Hospital

**Job Description:**

**Overview:**

Assist patients and their families in making psychosocial adaptations specific to their diagnosis and plan of care while facilitating the optimal utilization of health care and community resources.

**Responsibilities:**

Conduct bio-psychosocial assessment and formulate intervention strategies for a comprehensive treatment plan in collaboration with other healthcare team members. Communicate with the patient, family and team. Develop a psychosocial plan of care and analyze information to identify barriers to patient care and intervene as appropriate. Educate patient and family regarding the diagnosis and community resources. Participate in the diagnostic talk and consent process. Make resource referrals. Intervene in school-related issues. Contact Children's Protective Services as needed. Maintain a therapeutic relationship with patient and family. Collaborate with multidisciplinary team members to develop and implement plans of care and discharge plans. Actively participate in bed huddles and other collaborative efforts to promote patient flow. Initiate and provide crisis intervention. Engage patient/family in problem solving process. Provide therapeutic, family and marriage counseling. Engage patients in play therapy. Facilitate support groups. Conduct formal psychosocial research projects methods. Assess and evaluate programs and services. Educate others through presentations at local and national conferences and organizations and within the hospital. Initiate outreach to community agencies. Participate actively in advancing professional pediatric social work.

**Knowledge and Skills:**

Knowledge of the impact of anomalies and disorders in children, family impact, psychosocial models and theory and available community resources. Ability to conduct a thorough bio-psychosocial assessment, develop, implement and evaluate a plan of care. Ability to conceptualize the bio-psychosocial needs presented by the assigned patient population, to intervene with patient/family behavior, to coordinate community resources, to handle crisis and complex bio-psychosocial situations and the ability to demonstrate initiative, good judgment

and problem solving. Ability to demonstrate excellent professional communication and customer service skills. Ability to handle grief and loss both personally and professionally.

**Qualifications:**

Education, Experience and Licensure:

Master's degree in Social Work from an accredited School of Social Work; licensure as a Social Worker in the State of Texas required with experience in the health care setting.

**Salary/Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Employer/ Agency: Texas Children's Hospital-Texas Medical Center**

**Address:**

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**Opening Date:**

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