

<b>Job Title</b>	Social Worker
<b>Employer/ Agency</b>	Department of Veterans Affairs
<b>Job Description</b>	<p>The Social Worker will be assigned to interested facilities throughout VHA in support of COVID-19 operations and may be temporarily appointed (not to exceed 120 days) on an intermittent, part-time, or full-time schedule in support of the VA facilities across the Nation.</p> <p><b>Hiring for COVID-19 using 5 CFR 213.3102(i)(3) .This position will support the Federal Government's response efforts to COVID-19.</b></p> <p>Performs case finding functions and outreach, identifying and screening patients for psychosocial needs. Has knowledge and ability to independently implement treatment modalities, provide counseling or psychotherapy for individuals, families and groups. Independently conducts psychosocial assessments. Develops treatment plans in collaboration with the Veteran, their families and caregiver and with the interdisciplinary treatment team. Possesses skills to offer psychosocial interventions and measures outcomes to interventions. Able to coordinate community-based services, including information and referral for additional services from other VA programs, other government programs and community agency programs. Identifies high-risk patients and provides case management services. Has working knowledge and experience in use of medical and mental health diagnoses, disabilities and treatment procedures. This includes acute, chronic and traumatic illnesses/injuries, common medications and their effects/side effects, and medical terminology. Establishes and maintains effective therapeutic relationships with Veterans and their families. Able to independently work with patients and families who are experiencing a variety of psychiatric, medical and social problems utilizing individual, group and family counseling and therapy skills. Provides consultation services to other staff regarding the psychosocial needs of Veterans and the impact of psychosocial problems on health care and adherence to treatment plan. Able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with people from varied backgrounds. Able to meet the needs of customers while supporting VA missions. Consistently communicates and treats customers (Veterans, their families, caregivers, their representatives, visitors, and all VA staff) in a courteous, tactful, and respectful manner. Willing to provide the customer with consistent information according to established policies and procedures. Handles conflict and problems in dealing with the consumer constructively and appropriately. Has working knowledge and skill in the use of word-processing, data management and other computer systems.</p>
<b>Qualifications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You must be a U.S. Citizen to apply for this job</li> <li>• Designated and/or random drug testing may be required</li> <li>• Selective Service Registration is required for males born after 12/31/1959</li> <li>• You may be required to serve a probationary period</li> <li>• Subject to a background/security investigation</li> <li>• Must be proficient in written and spoken English</li> <li>• Selected applicants will be required to complete an online onboarding process</li> <li>• A valid state issued driver's license with a clean driving history in accordance with VA policy to drive a government vehicle.</li> </ul> <p>Work is typically performed in both a clinical and community-based setting which may</p>

expose the incumbent to the communicable diseases common to the Veteran population. The work environment is adequately lighted and heated. The incumbent may be required to work an irregular tour and/or weekends as the need arises performs related duties as assigned.

- **United States Citizenship:** Non-citizens may only be appointed when it is not possible to recruit qualified citizens in accordance with VA Policy.
- **EDUCATION:** Have a master's degree in social work from a school of social work fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Graduates of schools of social work that are in candidacy status do not meet this requirement until the school of social work is fully accredited. A doctoral degree in social work *may not* be substituted for the master's degree in social work.
- **LICENSURE:** Persons hired or reassigned to social worker positions in the GS-185 series in VHA must be licensed or certified by a state to independently practice social work at the master's degree level or actively working toward completion of prerequisites for licensure or certification.

**Time-In-Grade Requirement:** Applicants who are current Federal employees and have held a GS grade any time in the past 52 weeks must also meet time-in-grade requirements by the closing date of this announcement. For a **GS-11** position you must have served 52 weeks at the **GS-09**. The grade may have been in any occupation, but must have been held in the Federal service. An SF-50 that shows your time-in-grade eligibility must be submitted with your application materials.

**Specialized Experience GS-11**

(1) Experience and Licensure. Appointment to the GS-11 grade level requires completion of a minimum of one year of post-MSW experience equivalent to the GS-9 grade level in the field of health care or other social work-related settings, (VA or non-VA experience) and licensure or certification in a state at the independent practice level.

NOTE: For appointment licensure or certification at this level refer to paragraph 3c, VA Handbook 5005/120, Part II, Appendix G-39 **OR**

(2) Education. In addition to meeting basic requirements, a doctoral degree in social work from a school of social work may be substituted for the required one year of professional social work experience in a clinical setting.

(3) Demonstrated Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities. In addition to the experience above, candidates must demonstrate all of the following KSAs:

- (a) Knowledge of community resources, how to make appropriate referrals to community and other governmental agencies for services, and ability to coordinate services.
- (b) Skill in independently conducting psychosocial assessments and treatment interventions to a wide variety of individuals from various socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, educational and other diversified backgrounds.
- (c) Knowledge of medical and mental health diagnoses, disabilities and treatment procedures (i.e. acute, chronic and traumatic illnesses/injuries, common medications and their effects/side effects, and medical terminology) to formulate a treatment plan.
- (d) Skill in independently implementing different treatment modalities in working with individuals, families, and groups who are experiencing a variety of psychiatric, medical, and social problems to achieve treatment goals.
- (e) Ability to provide consultation services to new social workers, social work graduate students, and other staff about the psychosocial needs of patients and the impact of psychosocial problems on health care and compliance with treatment.

<b>Salary/Hours</b>	Multiple Schedules – Temporary, \$64,009 - \$101,503 per year. May be expected to travel.
<b>Employer/Agency</b>	Department of Veterans Affairs
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	See locations: <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564638000">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564638000</a>
<b>Contact Person</b>	VHA Service Center
<b>Telephone Number</b>	(216) 447-8010
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:vsc.vacancyannouncements@va.gov">vsc.vacancyannouncements@va.gov</a>
<b>Application Method</b>	Detailed application directions: <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564638000">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/564638000</a>
<b>Opening Date</b>	Application open until 4/30/20.

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