Erie County Health Department
Erie County Community Health Center
Job Posting #2026-76
Equal Opportunity Employer

Position:	**Behavioral Health/Mental Health Technician**
Division:	**Behavioral Health**
Contact Person:	**Jennifer Fresch, Human Resources**
FLSA Status:	**Non Exempt**
Salary:	**Commensurate with experience (Range: $23.00 to $28.50)**
Working Hours:	**Full or Part time 24-hour facility open 7 days per week. 12 hours shifts. Evenings, weekends, & holidays will be required and is based on Agency need & emergent issues.**
Posting Opens:	**Friday, October 2, 2026**
Posting Closes:	**Thursday, December 31, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. or until filled**

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED. One year post high school education involving computers and software experience preferred.
- State Tested Nurse Aid Ohio credential or higher (Ohio Medical Assistant Credential or Ohio Licensed Practical Nurse.)
- Minimum of one year of experience in a mental health or healthcare setting.
- Strong understanding of mental health conditions and treatment modalities.
- Ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary team, as well as, independently with direction from licensed medical or clinical personnel.
- Experience with multiple treatment settings including inpatient, partial, outpatient, and hospital or residential based.
- Experience with crisis intervention techniques and de-escalation strategies preferred, basic level achieved through training within 90 days of employment.
- Current knowledge of Medicare/Medicaid regulations and ICD-9/CPT coding.
- Approved Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification – can be acquired within 90 days from agency.
- Certified Medication Aide certification through Board of Nursing (preferred) or successful completion of course and certification requirements to be completed during probationary period.
- Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) certification through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (OCDPB) (preferred) or successful completion of course and certification requirements to be completed within probationary period.
- Valid Ohio driver's license, current certificate of vehicle insurance, and access to reliable transportation to all assigned work locations.
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) 100.c, 700.b, and 200.c certifications within one month of employment.

Major Responsibilities

Promotes and supports population health by providing direction, controls and evaluates the day-to-day operations of the facility's clinical programming within an inpatient setting. The Behavioral Health Mental Health Psychiatric Technician will develop clinical services and programs to assist clients in their recovery process, as well as assisting in their transition to the next phase of recovery including inpatient or residential, outpatient or some other form of treatment through referral processes. They will have expertise in all facets of behavioral mental health, with demonstrated knowledge of special population needs providing agency services throughout the patient's care.

Essential Functions

Under general supervision and/or as part of the Behavioral Health team, performs the following functions within the framework of the Erie County Health Department and the Erie County Community Health Center's provision of the core functions and essential services of public health:

- Provide specialized and/or technical agency and program specific information that requires limited interpretation of established policies, procedures and other relevant sources to orient internal and/or external customers.
- Respond to and/or de-escalate patients in crisis.
- Monitors patient behavior and report changes to the health care team, ensuring timely interventions.
- Interview internal and/or external clients to establish program-specific documentation and/or identify or screen for services needed.
- Secures assessment information such as medical, psychological, and social factors contributing to client's situation; evaluates these together with client's strengths for proper treatment planning.
- Counsels clients individually, in families, or in other small groups regarding plans for meeting needs, and aids clients to mobilize inner capacities and environmental resources to improve social functioning.
- Help educate clients and / or provide crisis intervention to modify attitudes and patterns of behavior by increasing understanding of the nature and source of personal problems, and by identifying and building on personal strengths.
- Obtains and completes appropriate client forms, ensures patient confidentiality and maintains orderly medical records. Follows established public health medical records policies and procedures as well as the State and Federal laws that govern the release of health care information.
- Duplicates, collates, scans, assembles, and files materials as needed.
- Assists with daily facility needs including, but not limited to meal service, laundry, general cleaning, and other duties as needed.
- Relates public health science skills to the Core Public Health Functions and Ten Essential Services of Public Health.
- Provides public health information and data with individuals, community groups, other agencies, internal customers, and the public about physical, behavioral, environmental, social, economic and other issues affecting the public's health.
- Under general supervision, prepares public health documents and reports.
- With general supervision, manage projects that support public health interventions.
- Adheres to Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards relevant to job duties, such as exposure to bloodborne pathogens.
- Must follow all safety policies and procedures to ensure an accident-free workplace.
- Provides clinical support to Agency activities related to development and implementation of community health assessment, planning, program, and policy development and implementation activities.
- Adheres to ethical principles in the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of data and information.
- Maintains, updates, and uses computerized data management systems and utilizes informatics to improve program operations.
- Collaborates in the development of and provides clinical support to Agency's quality improvement performance management, and evaluation activities.
- Works professionally with doctors, nurses, licensed clinicians and other professionals.
- Works with family members, friends and others close to clients.
- Works with law enforcement, court systems, and other agencies in cases regarding a client.
- Works with probation officers, community services, and other social agencies.
- Answers telephones; screens calls, responds to inquiries and/or refers callers to appropriate agencies or divisions.
- Under general supervision, compose, draft, type and/or word process, proofread and edit documents, contracts, and/or correspondence to ensure these conform to the appropriate use of the English language and established procedures.
- Process mail and email by attaching related correspondence or information before forwarding, responding to mail when appropriate; respond to mail that can be handled personally; identify priority and/or time-sensitive matters; and maintain security and confidentiality.
- Utilizes appropriate methods for interacting effectively and professionally with people of all ages and from diverse cultural, socioeconomic, educational, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, lifestyles and physical abilities.
- Adheres to ethical principles and Erie County Health Department policy in the collection, maintenance, use and dissemination of data and information.
- Keeps live data and documentation daily on client notes.
- Performs all administrative, clinical activities related to Behavioral Health Division according to Agency policies and procedures.
- Perform accurate numerical calculations involving reconciling accounts; electronic claims submission, program billing, and/or other applications.
- Identifies funding opportunities and new program areas to match Agency priorities using research tools.
- Performs public health emergency response duties as assigned and consistent with job classification and training provided, in response to threats to the public's health.
- Participates in Agency and community emergency response training and drills in support of disaster preparedness consistent with job classification.
- This position will be responsible for using quality improvement (QI) and performance management (PM) processes and/or techniques to improve the effectiveness of the public health programs. This includes, but is not limited to: creating, implementing, and evaluating performance standards and identifying, implementing, and assessing program quality improvement processes.

- Assumes responsibility for own professional growth and development by pursuing education, participating in professional committees and work groups and contributing to a work environment where continual improvements in practice are pursued.
- Performs other duties as assigned consistent with job classification.
- Greets visitors and clients in a friendly, competent, professional and informed manner.
- Gathers patient information and secures signed documents as needed.
- Schedules client appointments.
- Responds to questions with timely, accurate and complete information.
- Answers and redirects incoming calls as appropriate.
- Follows all regulations and requirements pertaining to public health, federally qualified health center (FQHC), and Agency policies toward the workplace.

Special Requirements

- Treats others with courtesy and respect in all interactions.
- Responds with flexibility to changing needs.
- Manages multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Supports and promotes the Agency's vision, mission, and core values.
- Knowledge of the core functions and essential services of public health.
- Knowledge of general office principles and practices.
- Knowledge of software applications relative to the position assignment.
- Knowledge of basic accounting and mathematics.
- Knowledge of proper English grammar, usage, and spelling.
- Knowledge of action tracking on specific work assignments or other items related to work position.
- Knowledgeable in and provide information to clients and family members regarding addiction issues and services available.
- Ability to keep accurate reports and records.
- Organizational skills.
- Requires a self-starter with the ability to work both independently and as a team member in a professional environment.
- Good natured with a positive attitude; able to perform under pressure.
- Ability to interact effectively and in a supportive manner with clients, stakeholders, and public peers.
- Always courteous and respectful regardless of race, creed, family and/or economic situation.
- Bilingual language skills a plus.
- Ability to use good judgment and persistence in overcoming challenges, addressing conflicts and solving problems.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including phone skills and etiquette.
- Attention to detail, and adherence to established policies and procedures required.
- A problem solver, with the ability to organize and prioritize responsibilities.
- Is flexible, and able to embrace and implement change.
- Knowledge of medical terminology a plus.
- Touch typing/keyboarding and touch ten-key; both with speed and accuracy.
- Working knowledge of Windows personal computer, Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Knowledge and understanding of Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH) process.
- Knowledge and understanding of public health accreditation process.
- Criminal background verification required.
- Ability to time budget in areas of workforce development and Agency duties.

Due to the need for all Health Department personnel to respond to public health emergencies, the employee must be assessed for his/her ability to meet the physical demands of performing the following activities:

- Engage in the following movements: climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling and writing and repetitive motions.
- Must be able to be fitted and wear NIOSH 95 mask. (Requires the elimination of facial hair/beard.)
- Exert up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects.
- Hearing ability sufficient to communicate with others effectively in person and over the phone.
- Ability to hear and respond to internal or external emergency or evacuation alarms.
- Visual ability must be sufficient to read typewritten documents, computer screen and drive a car.

If unable to demonstrate these abilities based upon a standardized, objective assessment performed by external occupational health professionals, all reasonable accommodations will be made, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and any other applicable Federal and Ohio law.

Working Conditions

- General office setting in health department facilities, as well as occasionally in community sites including clients' homes and workplaces.
- Work performed in the community is sometimes subject to conditions that range from inclement weather to dangerous conditions such as snow/ice, cold, heat, noise, wetness/humidity, vibration, sudden temperature changes, and poor illumination at the job site or due to travel on the job. Travel to and from off-site locations may subject worker to increased risk of driving hazards. Community locations may subject worker to communicable diseases, insects and other disease vectors, toxins, hazardous materials, chemicals and animals.
- In all settings, employees in this classification may occasionally need to relate to members of the public who exhibit challenging atypical or hostile behaviors and/or communication.
- May include alternate sites, temporary locations and/or multiple locations depending on the public health emergency.

Equipment Used

Including, but not limited to computer, fax, copier, scanner, calculator, multi-line telephone, cell phone, camera, video recorder, public health and medical equipment and supplies related to duties, and personal vehicle.

Bloodborne Pathogen Risk Code: ☐ None ☐ Low ☐ Medium ☒ High

Qualified Applicants

Qualified applicants should visit www.eriecohealthohio.com where current job postings can be viewed, and an application is available to complete. A completed Erie County Health Department employment application must be date/time stamped in the Human Resources Office prior to 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2026. EOE/AA/ADA

Approved for Content & Posting Peter J Schade MPH, REHS Date 10/2/2026
Erie County Health Commissioner