Mental Health Services Researcher

The Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM) invites applications for the position of Mental Health Services Researcher for the Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center, Department of Psychiatry at NEOUCOM. The purpose of the BeST Center is to promote recovery and improve the lives of individuals affected by schizophrenia by accelerating the implementation and dissemination of effective treatments and best practices.

The creation of this position is the result of a grant from The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation establishing the BeST Center in the spring of 2009. The grant offers secure funding for this position for a minimum of four years. A primary responsibility of this position is research that facilitates the business case for implementing identified evidence-based and promising practices. Lessons learned in this area will be used to influence policy and funding for services to individuals with schizophrenia and their families.

This research faculty member will be jointly appointed as an Assistant or Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences at NEOUCOM. The candidate selected for this position will take the lead in developing research and evaluation protocols which will include, but are not limited to, the effectiveness of clinical demonstration projects, dissemination and implementation of best clinical or administrative practices, and root cause analyses of why best practices are not widely implemented.

Candidates will be expected to possess either a Ph.D. in an appropriate field or an M.D. A record of publications and the potential for external funding are important. Further, candidates should be skilled in the study of the dissemination of evidence-based best practices and possess skills and knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Knowledge of mental health economics and public mental health policy is also highly desirable.

NEOUCOM is located approximately 30 miles south of Cleveland, Ohio, and is close to Akron, Ohio. Good schools, ample sports, recreation, and cultural activities are within easy access in the region.

Interested candidates should provide 1) a curriculum vitae; 2) a statement of research accomplishments, current interests and future direction; and 3) three letters of reference addressed to Mark Munetz, M.D., Margaret Clark Morgan Endowed Chair of Psychiatry, Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy. Please submit this information to Lon Herman, Director, BeST Center, 4209 State Route 44, P.O. Box 95, Rootstown, Ohio 44272; or e-mail to lherman@neoucom.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

The University’s dedication to excellence is complemented by its strong commitment to building and sustaining a culturally diverse academic community. Individuals from historically underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. NEOUCOM is an equal opportunity employer and educator.