

# THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

**Staff Psychologist (full-time, 35 hours/week)**  
**Counseling Center**  
**Position 101969**

**Position Summary:** The Counseling Center strives to enhance the overall educational experience by assisting students with the opportunities, demands, and challenges of university life. As students grow and develop, they do so in a values-based institution that offers a unique learning and living environment to enable students to discover excellence and experience success.

This position will provide professional mental health services (i.e., counseling and psychotherapy) to the student community, including coordinating the center's group therapy program. Supervise and provide training for DC area graduate students in mental health fields. Coordinate the group therapy program as assigned by the Director. The staff psychologist also participates in the Counseling Center's learning assistance, consultative, outreach, educational, assessment/referral, and emergency response services.

**Essential Responsibilities Include:** Provide individual psychotherapy and academic counseling to full-time undergraduates and graduate students who may be experiencing psychological, behavioral, emotional, or learning difficulties. Complete required administrative paperwork including writing intake and termination summaries and filing paper copies in the client's paper file, entering typed progress notes for every session into the client database, and writing individual trainee evaluations. Assess, evaluate and make treatment recommendations to new clients presenting with concerns including depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, disordered eating, relationship problems, family concerns, and academic difficulties. Refer students to resources both within the University (e.g., the Counseling Center's Staff Psychiatrists; Student Health Services; Office of Disability Support Services; Office of the Dean of Students) and outside of the campus (e.g., private practitioners or community agencies), in order to meet student needs that exceed the scope of services (or Resources) of the Counseling Center. Serve as designated individual and/or group supervisor for graduate student therapists. Watch and evaluate videotapes of treatment sessions conducted by trainees. Evaluate and edit trainees' intake and termination summaries and progress notes. Guide trainees in the planning and implementation of effective and appropriate treatment interventions. Assist in the recruitment of advanced graduate students in the mental health professions. Participate in orientations for new Counseling Center graduate student therapists in training. Participate in orientations and training for institutional professionals and paraprofessionals, including but not limited to emergency first responders, service providers, and educators. Attend group therapy professional association conferences and continuing education activities

**Minimum Qualifications:** Five (5) to six (6) years to earn doctoral degree, including at least three (3) years' worth of clinical placements plus a full-time, one-year pre-doctoral internship. Required doctorate in counseling psychology, clinical psychology or related discipline from an APA-accredited program. Licensure or demonstrated eligibility (within one year) for licensure in the District of Columbia. Applicants should know that recent changes in DC law require unlicensed individuals with doctoral degrees in psychology to at least have a DC Psychology Associate license before practicing in the District of Columbia. Strong clinical and supervisory skills. Strong knowledge of fundamental counseling and learning assistance roles, responsibilities, practices, essential programs and services. Ability to plan, organize, and set priorities. Strong knowledge of the clinical, legal, and ethical aspects of treating college students. Awareness of college student development, health, and welfare issues. Ability to translate knowledge and competencies into action and achievement. Strong service orientation and ability to relate effectively with diverse individuals and groups at all levels of an organization. Ability to work collegially and collaboratively. Demonstrated ability to be productive, deliver high quality work, take initiative, use good judgment, and solve problems. Strong ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, and handle heavy workloads under pressure and within time deadlines. Ability to produce quality results, with limited resources. Knowledge and skills with automated computer systems; skills with use of university systems within three months of appointment.

**How to apply:** forward application, resume, and cover letter with salary requirements as an attachment to **(salary expectations are considered part of application process):** [CUARecruitment@cua.edu](mailto:CUARecruitment@cua.edu). Reference position 101969 in subject line of email. Please do not include photos on resumes and save documents with first/last names. **All applicants must be supportive of the mission and vision of *The Catholic University of America*.** Position is open until filled.

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