



POLK COUNTY (OR)
invites applications for the
position of:

School Based Mental Health Therapist

SALARY: \$26.94 - \$34.08 Hourly
\$4,669.00 - \$5,908.00 Monthly
\$56,028.00 - \$70,896.00 Annually

**OPENING
DATE:** 12/05/22

**CLOSING
DATE:** 12/29/22 01:00 PM

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

**** This is a 10 month permanent position. There is an option to receive the salary for the ten months worked or to average the salary over 12 months. The working days follow an Academic Calendar (middle of August-middle of June). Work schedule will be Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.****



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The School Based Mental Health (SBMH) Program is a unique partnership between Polk County and 4 local school districts. Housed within the Family & Community Outreach Department, SBMH staff are placed in Elementary, Middle, and High School settings throughout rural Polk County. SBMH team members get to work with all students to address barriers to coming to school and being successful regardless of insurance or ability to pay.

SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST

This position provides a range of short-term and evidence based services, including individual and group skill-building, emotional support, crisis intervention and suicide assessments. Staff consult with families and school staff to assist with connecting students and families to community resources. Staff further develop a range of skills according to interests and individual

school needs which may include classroom presentations on character education, anti-bullying, problem solving, suicide prevention, or social skill development.

Students served are diverse and unique. Staff may work with a student impacted by grief, anxiety, depression or behavior struggles, or a student with a goal around communication and increasing positive relationships. The school-based mental health staff additionally assist with referring students to more intensive therapeutic services according to the specific needs and challenges of individual students.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Polk County, the Organization:

Polk County takes pride in knowing that our employees are what makes the County a great place to work. We have a strong desire for each employee to feel respected; connected to the department they work for as well as other County departments and the community at large; and know that they are critical to County business. We understand that work may be necessary, but not what should define each individual. We all have diverse personalities and interests away from the job, and at Polk County we encourage our employees to be connected to something bigger than work.

Benefits:

- Polk County offers generous employee benefits including, but not limited to:
- 11 paid holidays per year
- 8 hours of vacation earned monthly (increasing with years of service)
- 8 hours of sick leave earned monthly
- 4-5 Personal Leave Days earned each fiscal year (Depends on position; prorated depending on date of hire)
- PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) - 100% employer funded contributions
- Full health benefits with employee paying only 10% of the premium which covers all members of the employee's immediate family
- Life Insurance - employer paid
- Qualifying employer for Public Service Student Loan Forgiveness program

Our Community:

Polk County is located in the Willamette Valley just an hour from the Pacific Coast to the west and an hour from Portland to the north. The population is approximately 87,000 and the area spans about 744 square miles, with two thirds of the western part of the county being forest. National protected areas include the Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Siuslaw National Forest.

The County is part of the agricultural richness the Willamette Valley has to offer. In recent decades, the valley has also become a major wine producer, with Polk County being one of the best in the area. The valley is often known as the "Oregon Wine Country". Polk County has over 25 wineries alone.

Polk County also houses the beautiful liberal arts college, Western Oregon University, and is only 30 miles from Oregon State University. WOU was an inaugural winner of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award. This award recognizes universities and colleges that have demonstrated the highest level of commitment and action towards fostering a campus community that celebrates all the many facets of diversity. WOU is one of the most diverse universities in Oregon and has a higher percentages of Latino students in the Oregon University system.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Please refer to the [Class Specification](#) for the full job description and minimum experience, education and training requirements for this position.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

**** A cover letter is required. If you are a military veteran and want to apply for Veterans' Hiring Preference, you must attach the Veterans' Preference Form (available on our website) and your DD-214/215 and/or disability letter. ****

**** DO NOT ATTACH ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS** (transcripts, letters of recommendation, certificates, etc.) They will not be considered at the application stage. You may bring them to the interview if you are selected to interview. **

APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND
SUBMITTED ONLINE AT:
<http://www.co.polk.or.us>

Position #00901
SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST
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