



HOLDERNESS

Interim School Counselor

The school counselor recognizes and addresses the emotional and social needs of the students. This position supports the faculty as they work to guide students in their roles as teachers, advisors, and coaches in a boarding school setting. Finally, the school counselor works to educate the entire community on health and wellness issues.

The School Counselor reports to the Dean of Students. This is a one-year employment opportunity with the potential of converting to an ongoing ten-month position.

Overview

Holderness School is a vibrant and caring boarding school community dedicated to our vision of developing people the world needs most. Educating grades 9-12, our school is home to learners, adventurers, artists, advocates, and athletes surrounded by New Hampshire's lakes and White Mountains. From epic outdoor experiences and serving the community to exploring intellectual passions, we are committed to fostering the growth and success of our students - each of whom is respected, known, and challenged.

Diversity Mission Statement

Holderness School is a community that celebrates and supports diversity in its many forms. We value the multiple perspectives and experiences that diversity brings to our community. At all times, Holderness strives to create opportunities to collaborate, to broaden the educational experience of all students and adults, and to enrich the lives of all community members.

Primary Responsibilities

- Assist students who have emotional or social needs that arise while at school. The student may seek help for themselves or may be referred by another member of the community.
- Refer students and families to local resources when the student's need exceeds the expertise of the school's counseling services.
- Promote an understanding of the Emergency Care Team and Health Sanctuary to the community.
- Support teachers, coaches, and advisors who feel a student's needs require more in-depth help.
- Participate in the development of educational and community partnerships to support the social and emotional well-being of students.
- Stay up to date on current health issues affecting teens.
- Train senior leaders and other adults in the community to conduct small group health and wellness meetings with students.
- Attend co-curricular and school-wide events throughout the school year to become a known adult in the community.

- Serve as a member of the health team along with the school doctor, nurses, and athletic trainer.
- Provide crisis intervention
- Join an on-call rotation for emergency mental health needs.

Qualifications

- Candidates must have a graduate degree in School Counseling, Clinical Social Work, or Mental Health Counseling. A minimum of three years of related experience is preferred.
- Possess a strong knowledge of the common diagnoses and treatments for adolescents.
- Ability to implement evidence-based practices in school and mental health counseling.
- Desire to establish and maintain effective working relationships with students, parents, and colleagues.
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to build trust among all constituencies.
- An affinity for working and living within a boarding school community.

The Process

If interested in this position, please send a resume with a letter of interest to holderness-employment@holderness.org. Priority consideration will be given to applications received before **Monday, February 20**.

Holderness School offers a comprehensive benefit package including health, dental, vision, life insurance, generous retirement match, professional development opportunities, use of grounds and facilities, and meals when school is in session for you and your family.

All employment is contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check.

Holderness School is an equal opportunity employer, and will not discriminate, or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.