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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**JOB TITLE:** Registered Nurse I

**OPEN DATE:** 5/9/2025

**CLOSE DATE:** Until Filled

**JOB LOCATION:** Mary Starke Harper  
Geriatric Psychiatry Center  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

**NUMBER:** 25-06  
**JOB CODE:** N2500

### SALARY

- Annual Salary Range (\$58,111.20 - \$84,280.80 Annually)
- Salary will be commensurate with experience. Limitations apply to current State employees.
- Additional \$2.00 per hour MH Direct Care Premium Pay.
- Additional \$2.00 per hour Shift Differential for evening and night work.
- Potential salary increase with time-in-class promotion to RN I Senior.

### BENEFITS

- 12 paid holidays.
- 1 personal leave day accrued each January.
- 13 sick leave days.
- 13 annual leave days accrued in the first year of employment.
- Longevity bonus annually after 5 years of employment.
- Continuous opportunities for acquiring CE's needed for maintaining professional license.
- Very low-cost health and dental insurance through the [Alabama State Employee Insurance Board](#).
- Defined retirement benefit (not impacted by economic downturns) and a pre-retirement death benefit through the [Retirement Systems of Alabama](#).
  - After 1 year, the minimum amount of the pre-retirement death benefit paid to your designated beneficiary is at least equal to your current or previous fiscal year annual salary.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from an accredited school of nursing or graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in Nursing.

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Possession of a certificate of registration to practice nursing as issued by the Alabama Board of Nursing.

### KIND OF WORK

- Promotes a program environment conducive to patient stabilization and growth.
- Completes assessments of patients.
- Plans an effective therapeutic program for patients.



- Develops and implements patient care plans.
- Supervises the program staff.
- Demonstrates appropriate communication with patients and families.
- Monitors the environment for safety.
- Communicates patient data to appropriate team members.
- Participates in meetings, staff development trainings, and continuing education opportunities as required.
- Administers medication and treatment as prescribed.
- Provides basic direct patient care.
- Ensures compliance with hospital standards.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge, skills, and ability to recognize medical and psychiatric emergencies.
- Ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing.
- Ability to interact with various types of people in delicate, frustrating, or tense situations.
- Ability to make independent decisions and take moderate risks in situations not covered by existing procedures.
- Ability to provide care utilizing nursing processes, standards of care, and nursing plans of care.
- Ability to supervise the work of others.
- Ability to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment and training programs and establish priorities.
- Ability to operate medical equipment.
- Ability to provide education to patients.

### **METHOD OF SELECTION**

- Applicants will be rated based on an evaluation of their job-related training, abilities, experience, and education, and should provide adequate work history identifying experiences related to the duties and minimum qualifications as mentioned above.
- All relevant information is subject to verification.
- **Drug screening and security clearances will be conducted on prospective applicants being given serious consideration for employment whose job requires direct contact with patients.**

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**Only work experience detailed on the application will be considered.** Applications should be submitted by the deadline to be considered. Announcements open until filled will remain open until a sufficient applicant pool is obtained. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure the application will be considered for the position. Copies of License/Certifications should be uploaded with your application. A copy of the academic transcript is required. Appointment of successful candidate will be conditional based on receipt of the official transcript provided by the school, college, or university.

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