

**Interpersonal Violence Advocate**  
(30 hrs/week/9 months)

**Job Description:**

Under the general supervision of the Lead Advocate for Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention, the purpose of this position is to coordinate, develop, implement programs and services and evaluate outcomes of sexual, gender-based and intimate partner violence; sexual and street harassment advocacy services. Incumbent will provide confidential advocacy on behalf of individuals concerning sexual violence, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Advocacy includes assistance in coordinating services with local agencies and other campus and community partners as appropriate, coordination of legal advocacy, medical advocacy and other assistance as needed. Individual will be responsible for having a rotating on-call schedule. Collaborates with departmental colleagues and community partners to plan, implement and evaluate theory- and evidence-informed advocacy strategies. Aids case staffing and coordinates follow-up services for survivors. The job duties for this position include, but are not limited to, the following:

**Essential Functions:**

- Provide advocacy and crisis intervention services to clients affected by interpersonal violence which includes in-office advocacy and participating as a member of the SAVIP on-call team (SAVIP staff are typically on call 7-9 days/month; on call hours are 5:00pm – 8:00am M-F and 5:00pm Friday - 8:00am Monday morning).
- Provide support, information and options, safety plans, and direct assistance to students, faculty and staff who identify as interpersonal violence survivors or secondary survivors. Participates in on-going case management with the University's sexual assault working group and University law enforcement as well as community agencies.
- Responds to cases of sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and harassment as part of an on-call staff.
- Maintains data and records on all areas of service delivery. Ensures data is up to date and in compliance with departmental and federal regulations. Works with the office staff to develop strategic plans that are in line with the Division of Student Affairs and Department of Student Health Services mission, goals, and objectives. Evaluates progress utilizing outcome measures and providing written reports as directed.
- Aid in developing and delivering graduate assistant and student intern training to include coordinating with other SAVIP staff and on and off-campus resources to present at training, creating the schedule, creating/borrowing the training curriculum, and evaluating the training based on outcome measures.
- Participates in QI studies and/or activities as directed.

**Minimum Requirements:**

Master's degree in health education, health promotion, or related field or bachelor's degree in health education, health promotion or related field and 2 years related experience.

**Skill Requirements:**

- Knowledge of bystander accountability theory, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, social justice, feminist, gender socialization, and other related theories.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships and maintain positive public relations.
- Ability to conduct research; manage multiple tasks; plan; coordinate; innovate, evaluate; absorb and use new knowledge.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Expected to act with discretion, and report unusual or sensitive situations and seek advance guidance from the supervisor prior to taking definitive action.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to juggle multiple complex priorities within a changing environment in a positive and solutions based manner.
- Ability to exercise good judgment in structuring and organizing work and setting priorities, balancing the interests of clients and readily readjusting priorities to respond to customer needs and expectations and mission of Student Health Services.
- Ability to demonstrate strong ethical, professional, and service-oriented leadership and interpersonal skills, sets a good example.

**Additional Expectations:**

- This position requires occasional evening and weekend work to include responding to calls after hours and facilitating presentations and workshops to student groups.

*Training and education will be provided to the incumbent. For more information, contact the SAVIP Associate Director, Shannon Nix, at (803) 777-8248 or nixs2@mailbox.sc.edu.*