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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

**MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT RESEARCH ASSISTANT
(6 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACT)
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH
CENTRE FOR RURAL HEALTH**

REFERENCE: CRH Mental Health projects Research Assistant

The Research Assistant will be based at the Centre for Rural Health, University of KwaZulu-Natal, and will provide support with the research activities of the CRH, including fieldwork, administrative and technical support. The research assistant will be required to provide support with specific research projects including SMhINT and any other mental health and public health focussed projects and programmes within the broader direction of the CRH as determined by the Director.

Minimum Requirements:

- Honours degree in Psychology
- At least 12 months experience in a public mental health research project/setting
- 3 months qualitative data collection experience
- 12 months experience in translation and transcription in isiZulu to English and/or English to isiZulu
- Fluent isiZulu and English speaking and writing
- Computer skills: e-mail, word processing and spreadsheets
- A valid South African driver's licence.

Advantages:

- Completed course work at master's level in Research Psychology or Health Promotion
- Experience undertaking research activities in primary health care facilities in rural areas
- Experience in working with stakeholders including the Departments of Health, Education and or Social Development
- Good writing and communication skills
- Strong administration skills
- Must be able to work independently and as part of a team

Please note that the candidate must be prepared to undergo a skills test.

The candidate must be prepared to travel frequently and drive to remote and rural areas and stay on site to conduct fieldwork in primary health care facilities and other public health care facilities and in communities countrywide. Must be flexible to adapt to the changing needs and activities of the project. Must be prepared to work on other mental health and any health projects in the CRH when necessary.

This post reports to the S-MhINT Project Lead. The job profile is available from the CRH e-mail: crh@ukzn.ac.za.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 March 2021

Applicants are required to correctly complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. No other applications will be considered. Completed forms must be sent to, crh@ukzn.ac.za. Please quote REFERENCE: CRH Mental Health Projects Research Assistant as a reference in your subject line.