

**Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools
Greater New Bedford Area
Fall River Area
Cape Cod Area**

School Counselor Positions for PreK to Grade 8

Various Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fall River, MA (Greater New Bedford area, Fall River area, Cape Cod area) are seeking a School Counselor. The counselor would be responsible for supporting students and their families of 2 different schools each week during the school year. The services of the counselor will be shared between the two assigned schools for the period of late August 2021 through late June 2022. There is a need for 2-3 counselors for the upcoming school year. Funding of the positions is grant based and subject to renewal.

Qualifications:

- Candidates must have a Master degree in a therapeutic discipline (Mental Health, Social Work, Psychology) and is eligible to become a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT).
- Experience in providing individual therapy, facilitating group therapy, working with children/youth with a mental health diagnosis. The ideal candidate will have experience working with schools, children, their families and/or communities by facilitating wrap-around services.
- Although candidate does not have to be Catholic, the person must be able to support the teachings of the Catholic Church in all work done with students and families.

Preferred:

- Experience with Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Curricula.
- Experience creating and/or facilitating training programs.
- Training in CBT, Trauma Informed Care, Solution-Focused Therapy is a plus.

Job Functions:

- Perform assessments on children experiencing social, emotional and/or behavioral problems.
- Create holistic therapeutic plans. Assist individuals in implementing Individual Service Plans (ISPs).
- Communicate with outside therapeutic resources.
- Facilitate referrals to appropriate community resources.
- Provide training in social skills and anger management as needed.
- Provide psycho-educational and crisis de-escalation services.
- Provide training in self-sufficiency and self-management skills.
- Assist in providing non-violent crisis intervention as needed.

- Keep accurate record of therapeutic encounters. Monitors and records individual behavior and documents individual progress according to existing standards and policies to assure protection of individual and confidentiality.

Other:

Can work independently and has reliable transportation and a willingness to travel between schools.

Has solid written and verbal communication skills.

Exhibits consistent personal integrity with clients, families, co-workers and community agencies.

Is a passionate self-starter with excellent assessment skills.

Well knowledgeable of various therapeutic modalities and utilization of them as needed.

Flexible and a creative problem solver.

Candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Denise Peixoto, Assistant Superintendent, via email at dpeixoto@catholiccsa.org by July 28, 2021. Please indicate which identified area(s) of the diocese you are willing to work in.

If contacted for an interview, the candidate will also be asked to provide 4 professional references and, if offered a position, the candidate will need to complete Safe Environment Training and a Criminal Background Check including fingerprinting.