

V2V Battle Counselor

Overview

Who May Apply

Appointment Duration

Qualifications

Job Status

Contractor

Overview: The Battles Program is designed to foster an environment that encourages veterans in need to seek help without fear of reprisal to create long term engagement journeys that produce quantifiable and qualifiable data points for the improvement of suicide and PTSD intervention/prevention efforts.

V2V Battle Counselors use a proprietary platform to operationalize long-term engagements to improve the outcome of the interactions and bridge the communication gaps for high-stake relationships. V2V Battle Counselors paired with their V2V Battles Program Participants create a global network of veterans supporting veterans through personalized journeys where they are able to track behaviors, log triggers, implement coping strategies, connect with other veterans, and receive information on resources available in their communities.

Our platform enables Battle Counselors to proactively connect the nation's resources, both public and private, in an organized effort to provide continuous care and improve the ability of citizens, friends and family members to recognize the warning signs of despair, know where to turn for help, and are empowered as stakeholders in their own care plans. How would you like to become a part of a team providing compassionate care to Veterans?

Job Summary

Key Requirements

- You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this job.
- Subject to a background/suitability investigation.
- Designated and/or random drug testing may be required.
- Restricted to eligible veterans in mental health recovery.
- Must have certifications/degree in social work, lay counseling, or otherwise applicable documentation.
- Must possess a valid state driver's license.

Duties

Major Duties

- Assist veterans in developing natural supports and community living by learning multiple roles (friend, spouse, employee, student, etc.) so a greater sense of identity is established.
- Ability to teach/train recovery information and recovery tools.
- Support skills development needed to care for their home environment and taking ownership of household responsibilities (i.e. meal preparation, cleaning etc.).
- Model personal responsibility, self-advocacy, and hopefulness via telling of their recovery story, how needs are respectfully met, and how a belief in themselves is maintained.
- Coordinates with the person's clinical team and other supports to arrange services or resources to help achieve their goals.
- Cultivate connectedness in the person's life (self, others, the environment, and to meaning and purpose).
- Establish emergency care plan in the event there is a triggering event we create a crisis plan ahead of time to deploy when needed.

V2V Battle Counselor functions as an interdisciplinary team member, assisting veterans and their support systems in a community outreach program designed for proactive and ongoing engagement from a qualified support systems.

Battle Counselors perform a variety of therapeutic and supportive tasks that include assisting their peers in articulating their goals for recovery, learning and practicing new skills, helping them monitor their progress, assisting them in defining, executing and achieving milestones, modeling effective coping techniques and self-help strategies based on the Battles own recovery experience, and supporting them in advocating for themselves to obtain effective services. The V2V Battle Counselor functions as a role model, exhibiting competency in personal recovery and use of coping skills: serves as a consumer advocate, provides consumer information and peer support for Veterans in an outpatient setting.

This individual must have the ability to assist others in treatment based on the principles of recovery and resiliency. By inspiring the hope that recovery and resiliency are achievable goals, V2V Battle Counselors can assist others who are at risk for PTSD/suicidality to achieve their personal recovery goals by promoting self-determination, personal responsibility, and the empowerment inherent in co-directed recovery. The V2V Battle Counselor performs a wide range of tasks to assist peers of all ages, from young adult to old age, in regaining independence within the community and mastery over their own recovery process.

Duties of the V2V Battle Counselor include, but are not limited to:

- V2V Battle Counselor participates in service, training, consultative and other professional activities of the programs journey and functions as a professional member of the organizations team. In this

capacity, the Battle Counselor completes assignments based on professional knowledge and recognition of demonstrated superior skill and proven sound judgment in working with serious and complicated recovery patients with very complex mental illnesses which may result in challenging requirements for communication and decision making skills.

- V2V Battle Counselor serves as a recovery agent by providing and advocating for any effective recovery based services that will aid the Veteran in daily living. V2V Battle Counselor orients Veterans new to the program in which they work, about the services, hours, locations, resources and other pertinent information necessary for the Veteran to understand the program and how to utilize it.
- V2V Battle Counselor assist Veterans to articulate personal goals for recovery through the use of anonymous 1-1 interactions via our technology application platform. During these sessions the V2V Battle Counselor may assist Veterans in identifying their skills, strengths, supports and the resources needed to aid them in achieving those goals.

Work Schedule: Varies and will be dependent on the level of engagement required by each end user. Typical schedule is 8:00am to 8:00pm with varying times of engagement based on scheduling needs. (Monday through Friday, may be required to work some evenings and weekends). Average of 20 hours per week, not to exceed total engagement hours of 32.

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Promotion Potential: This is a 6 month contract engagement with opportunities for reassignment upon review of the request.

Qualifications

Qualifications And Evaluation

To qualify for this position, applicants must meet all requirements:

Basic Requirements

- Citizenship. Citizen of the United States.
- Be a Veteran who has recovered or is recovering from a mental health condition; whos been deployed to a war zone, and/or otherwise suited based on experiences.

AND

- Must also be certified by:

A not-for-profit entity engaged in peer counseling training as having met such criteria as establish for a peer support position;

OR

Has satisfied relevant State requirements for a peer support position.

- Length of Experience as a Consumer of Mental Health Recovery Services.

Veterans eligible must have spent a minimum of 1 year in personal recovery from a mental health condition..

Requirements

Physical Requirements: The work is primarily sedentary. Typically, the employee will sit to do the work. However, there may be some walking, standing, bending, carrying of light items (such as books, papers), 24/7 access to internet accessible device, and internet connectivity. The work requires patience and control of emotions.

Evaluations

IN DESCRIBING YOUR EXPERIENCE, PLEASE BE CLEAR AND SPECIFIC. WE WILL NOT MAKE ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING YOUR EXPERIENCE.

You will be rated on the following competencies based on your application for this position.

- Ability to assist Veterans with their journey by providing Veteran2Veteran Battle Counseling.
- Ability to provide vocational support to Veterans in recovery programs.
- Skill in using problem solving techniques to troubleshoot or diffuse emergent situations involving individuals diagnosed with mental illness.
- Skill in effective oral communication.
- Skill in effective written communication.

If you are referred for consideration, you may be asked to submit additional job related information, which may include, but not limited to; responses to the knowledge, skills and abilities; completion of a work sample, and/or contact for an interview.

Your résumé and/or supporting documentation will be verified. Please follow all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may affect your rating or consideration for employment.

How To Apply

All applicants are encouraged to apply online.

To apply for this position, you must complete the online application process.

The complete application package must be submitted by (TBD) to receive consideration.

- To begin, visit www.missionzero.us/battle/apply
- Click Submit My Answers to submit your application package.

NOTE: It is your responsibility to ensure your responses and appropriate documentation is submitted prior to the closing date.

Required Documents

All applicants are required to submit the following supporting document type(s):

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- DD-214
- Copy of driver's license
- Other Veterans Document
- Diploma/Certificate/Transcripts

Please use this checklist to ensure you have included other documents required for your application, such as a copy of your transcript (if using education to qualify), documentation to support Veterans Preference claims, and applicable certifications. You will not be contacted for additional information.

A legible copy of your DD214(s) indicating character of service, disability certification, or if you are currently serving on active duty and expected to be released or discharged within 120 days; documentation related to your active duty service which reflects the dates of service, character of service (honorable, general, etc.), or dates of impending separation. Documentation is required for eligibility verification.

No Faxing/emailing Applications or Supporting Documents: You are encouraged to apply online. Applying online will allow you to review and track the status of your application. If you are unable to apply online or unable to upload your supporting documents to your online application, please email info@missionzero.us for further instructions.

What To Expect Next

After we receive application packages (including all required documents) and the application intake closes, we will review applications to ensure qualification and eligibility requirements are met. During our review, if your résumé and application package do not support your questionnaire answers, we will adjust accordingly. After the review is complete, applicants will be notified of their status by email (if provided); otherwise, applicants will receive a notification letter via the U.S. Postal Service. Referred applicants will be notified as such and may be contacted directly by the hiring office for an interview. All referred applicants receive a final notification once a selection decision has been made.

Benefits

This is a contracted position to which no benefits are offered.

Other Information

Placement Policy: The posting of this announcement does not obligate said organization to fill a

vacancy or vacancies by promotion. The position may be filled by reassignment, change grade, transfer, appointment, or reinstatement. Management may use any one or any combination of these methods to fill the position.

This job opportunity announcement may be used to fill additional vacancies.