



DIVISION: STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT: STUDENT COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT
POST: SOCIAL WORKER	POST NO: 2017 PEROMNES GRADE: 08

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The incumbent will be required to:

- Perform social assessment of students by analysing factors in the home or community that impinge on students’ academic performance.
- Support first year students with difficulties adjusting to university life.
- Crisis management- attend to during and after hours’ crisis, working in coalition with campus clinic and protection services.
- Screening and identification of mental health challenges.
- Containment of presenting difficulties.
- Provide counselling services and interventions.
- Develop strategies on how to assist needy students.
- Develop programs to assist students with social problems.
- Assist students who abuse substances and refer appropriately.
- Manage support groups for those who have problems with substance abuse.
- Assist students living or affected by HIV and AIDS.
- Help students with unplanned pregnancies – pre/post abortion counselling.
- Liaise with internal and external community agencies such as social development, NICRO, NGO’s etc.
- Serve as liaison between families and the University to positively promote collaborative processes in the educational planning of students.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

Qualifications and Experience:

- At least a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work
- Master’s degree in Clinical Social work will be an advantage
- Registration with SACSSP is a prerequisite
- Minimum of 3 years’ experience in Social Work post qualification
- Proven experience in working with adolescents and young adults
- Experience in Higher Education environment would be an added advantage.

Skills:

- Written and verbal communication skills
- Analytical, problem solving and negotiation skills





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- Ability to plan, organise and manage projects
- Ability to work with staff and students from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work under pressure and over weekends as and when required
- Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team
- Ability to work independently
- Adaptability and strong administrative skills

Closing date for applications: 25 February 2022

Submit CV to recruitment1@vut.ac.za.

Please Note: The application must be accompanied by a CV, identity document and ORIGINAL certified copies (not older than 3 months) of educational qualifications. Submission of such copies entitles Vaal University of Technology to authenticate the qualifications without any further consent from the applicant. Candidates with foreign qualifications must also submit the South African equivalent of the qualification. These qualifications are evaluated by SAQA. Vaal University of Technology is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer, which is committed to the implementation of its employment equity plan. Therefore, people from designated groups are encouraged to apply. If you are not contacted within six weeks after the closing date, please accept that your application was unsuccessful.



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