

**Staff Counselor  
Student Counseling Services  
Illinois State University**

The Student Counseling Services (SCS) invites applications for a *Staff Counselor* position, with a preferred start date of August 1, 2008. The position combines generalist duties with a specific emphasis on clinical and outreach work with minority and underrepresented students.

Student Counseling Services (SCS) is an integral unit within the Division of Student Affairs at Illinois State University and enjoys strong administrative support from division administration and from the university at large. SCS is the only designated mental health service on campus and functions as a comprehensive counseling center for a campus population of just over 20,000 students. The center prides itself on proactive efforts to enhance the mental health of individuals, groups, and the campus community as a whole, and has a longstanding reputation for innovation and excellence in the full range of counseling center functions. Notable features of this multidisciplinary IACS accredited center include a vibrant and growing group therapy program, highly creative outreach and consultation efforts, and one of the first APA accredited internship training programs in a counseling center setting. The center also has a rich history of paraprofessional programs, and currently sponsors and hosts the Guerrilla Theatre Troupe, a paraprofessional student group that educates the campus community about issues of diversity, mental health, and social justice through peer theatre. For more information about our center, please visit our website: <http://www.counseling.ilstu.edu/>.

Illinois State University, founded in 1857, is located in the growing twin-city community of Bloomington-Normal, with a population of approximately 120,000 and is centrally located 137 miles southwest of Chicago and 164 miles northeast of St. Louis. The community offers a wide range of cultural, family and recreational opportunities, four local colleges/universities, a high quality of life, excellent employment opportunities for family members, and easy access to the urban amenities of nearby cities. For more information about the Bloomington/Normal community, visit <http://www.bloomingtonnormalcvb.org/>.

**THE POSITION:**

We are seeking a dynamic professional who possesses generalist skills and a focused commitment to clinical and outreach work with minority and underrepresented students. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to advancing the vision of a multiculturally competent counseling center and a commitment to working with minority and underrepresented students. Additionally, this professional will work collaboratively both within the center and across campus units to address diversity and other mental health issues, and will possess strong interpersonal skills and the ability to build positive working relationships with others. Preference will be given to individuals with a proven track record in outreach and consultation with one or more diverse student populations.

Generalist responsibilities include brief individual, couples and group counseling, assessment, crisis intervention and management, career planning and development, consultation and liaison, outreach programming, and involvement in our training program. The position also includes possible leadership opportunities in the areas of practicum training, outreach, consultation, liaison, clinical services administration, group therapy, staff professional growth and development, marketing, and leadership of our diversity-focused efforts.

#### QUALIFICATIONS and BENEFITS:

Doctorate or master's degree in Counseling, Social Work, Clinical Psychology, Counseling Psychology or related field required. ABD in psychology also permitted with expectation of completed degree within one year of hire date. We welcome applications from both entry level professionals and those with several years of experience. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Salary for this 12 month position is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. A full explanation of benefits can be found at [www.hr.ilstu.edu](http://www.hr.ilstu.edu).

#### CONTACT AND APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Initial review of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled. To assure full consideration, please apply by February 29, 2008. To apply, submit online application at [www.jobs.ilstu.edu](http://www.jobs.ilstu.edu). Please include a statement of interest describing how you would contribute to the continued prominence and vitality of the center, a vita or resume, and the names and addresses of three professional references. In addition, please arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent directly by mail to:

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