

POSITION: Virtual Part-Time Clinical Assessor

ORGANIZATION: Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Study Description

The **TRIUMPH** Study (Transforming Your Mental Health Through Prayer and Healing) is a five-year R01 grant study funded by the NIMH.

The goal of this project is to **promote social justice and reduce racial disparities in mental health treatment**. We are working with 30 Black churches and 60 CHWs to provide depression care to individuals aged 18 years or older and, who live in the five boroughs of NYC and Mount Vernon (www.letstriumphtogether.com)

Your Role:

As a clinical assessor, you will have **direct contact with community members with elevated depression or anxiety symptoms**. You will conduct baseline, three-month and six-month assessments that measure among others, the following:

1. Social determinants of health
2. Impact of racial discrimination
3. Spirituality
4. Social connectedness
5. Symptoms of common mental health conditions (depression, substance use)

You will be trained to conduct the diagnostic interview for major psychiatric disorders (MINI). Assessments will be implemented through the research database software, REDCap. Additional key responsibilities include but are not limited to: analyzing and offering insights on monthly recruitment data, staying current with developments in mental health literature, and assisting in the preparation of research reports, presentations, and academic papers.

Who You Must Be:

1. Comfortable working with people of different racial / ethnic, cultural, sexual, and religious backgrounds
2. Passionate about addressing social inequalities/ Health disparities
3. Have a warm and personable approach in providing services to our community
4. Someone who is flexible to meet the shifting needs of our target community
5. Enjoy working in teams

Great Applicants will possess:

- Clinical, research, and/or personal experience working with people with DSM-5 mental disorders (preferred but not required)
- Strong writing skills and experience conducting literature reviews
- Knowledge of the socio-cultural factors (e.g., racism) that contribute to health disparities, with a specific focus on African Americans
- Flexibility in work hours
- Ability to work with organizations of differing religious faiths (e.g., Christian and Muslim), racial / ethnic backgrounds, and socio-economic status

Desired Educational Qualifications

- Must have completed a bachelor's at an accredited U.S. college or university
- Have at least one year of work experience (preferred but not required)

To Apply:

To apply please email your cover letter and resume to Nathania Ornis, Project Coordinator of the TRIUMPH Study at no2386@cumc.columbia.edu. We strongly encourage individuals from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds, including those with personal or professional involvement in marginalized communities, to apply. A strong preference will be given to candidates with lived experiences.