



Narcotics Addiction Treatment Program
225 Penn Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15221

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Yassmine Kelly for the position of Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor (GS9). I supervised Yassmine in her placement within our program during her practicum experience.

While in practicum Yassmine expressed a desire to take on more responsibility as she moves towards the end of her master's degree program and on to full time work in the helping professions as a counselor. Our drug and alcohol population can be challenging to work with at times and Yassmine did not shy away from engaging and learning from our patients and staff. In supervision she expressed a particular interest in working with trauma and PTSD and was open to exploring alternate approaches to treatment not necessarily covered in her schooling. I believe this motivation to develop skills in treating PTSD and trauma will serve her well with the population of veterans obtaining treatment at the VA.

Yassmine also exhibits a sharp mind and an appreciation for well-structured organization. As such I believe she would be a good fit in the VA Hospital system culture. It is my understanding this position for which she is applying is entry level for as-yet unlicensed candidates. Given the time and resources the VA can provide in support of licensure, I am sure Yassmine's enthusiasm for helping will help move her along the path quickly and onwards to being an asset to the VA and the veterans they serve.

Sincerely,

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