

Middletown Centre for Autism

- Promoting Excellence -



The Middletown Centre for Autism, located in Co. Armagh, is a North-South initiative funded by the Department of Education, Northern Ireland and the Department of Education and Science, Ireland, whose purpose is to support the promotion of excellence in the development and co-ordination of education services to children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders. The Centre now wishes to appoint a number of key personnel to support the Chief Executive and the Senior Management Team in developing fully the operational capacity of the Centre.

Senior Educational Psychologist

Ref: MCAEP/0209/

Salary £47,362 - £50,522 per annum (increase pending). SPA points will be recognised.

The Senior Educational Psychologist will lead the daily operation of the Educational Assessment Service.

Applicants must have:

- Degree, or equivalent qualification, in psychology Or a post-graduate professional qualification in educational psychology
- Substantive recent post qualification experience working as an educational psychologist with a recognised or statutory education authority to include experience of working with individuals with autism and their families
- A proven record of the attainment of high level skills through continuous professional development

Specialist Teacher (ASD)

Ref: MCAST/0209/

Salary £34,976 - £37,555 per annum

The successful candidate will work as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary Educational Assessment Team. The specialist teacher will assess children and young people referred to the Centre and devise educational recommendations.

Applicants must have:

- A relevant teaching qualification or third level equivalent qualification recognised by the General Teaching Council (NI); or the Teaching Council (ROI)
- Significant post-qualification experience in the assessment and teaching of children and young people with Special Educational Needs, to include working with children and young people with autism
- A proven record in the attainment of high-level skills through appropriate courses of study in relation to children and young people with autism

Head of Care Services

Ref: MCAHOC/0209/

Salary £34,976 - £37,555 per annum

The Head of Care Services will be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the residential and associated care services for children and young people referred to the Centre for assessment or learning support.

Applicants must have:

- A professional qualification in Social Care or Social Work Or be a Registered Nurse, Learning Disability (equivalent qualifications held by applicants from the Republic of Ireland will be accepted)
- Significant, relevant post qualification experience obtained within the last four years of working in a residential or care setting with children and/or young adults with special education needs
- A minimum of two years' management experience in a residential or care setting with children and/or young adults with special education needs
- Be registered with or be eligible to register with a Social Care Council or the Nursing and Midwifery Council

Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (ASD)

Ref: MCAST/0209/

Salary £31,348 - £34,107 per annum

The successful candidate will work as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary Educational Assessment Team. The Speech and Language Therapist will assess children and young people referred to the Centre and devise Speech and Language Therapy recommendations.

Applicants must have:

- Degree or Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy as recognised by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, or equivalent
- Registration with or eligibility to register with the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists and with the Health Professions Council. Registrations must be confirmed prior to the commencement of employment
- Significant post-qualification experience treating children and young people with Special Educational Needs, to include experience working with children and young people with autism
- A proven record in the attainment of high-level skills through appropriate courses of study in treating children and young people with autism

Specialist Occupational Therapist (ASD)

Ref: MCAOT/0209/

Salary £31,348 - £34,107 per annum

The successful candidate will work as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary Educational Assessment Team. The Occupational Therapist will assess children and young people referred to the Centre and devise Occupational Therapy recommendations.

Applicants must have:

- Degree or Diploma in Occupational Therapy as recognised by the College of Occupational Therapists, or equivalent
- Registration with or eligibility to register with the Health Professions Council. Registrations must be confirmed prior to the commencement of employment
- Completion of the Foundation Module in Sensory Integration
- Significant post-qualification experience treating children and young people with Special Educational Needs, to include working with children and young people with autism
- A proven record in the attainment of high-level skills through appropriate courses of study in treating children and young people with autism

Behaviour Intervention Specialist (ASD)

Ref: MCABIS/0209/

Salary £27,492 - £29,628 per annum

The successful candidate will work as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary Educational Assessment Team. The Behaviour Intervention Specialist will assess children and young people referred to the Centre and devise behaviour plans to address their complex and/or challenging behavioural needs.

Applicants must have:

- Degree, or equivalent qualification, in education or psychology or health related discipline
- Significant post-qualification experience delivering behavioural support initiatives to children and young people with autism within an educational environment
- A proven record in the attainment of high level skills through appropriate courses of study in a range of behavioural intervention programmes
- Experience of working with a varied age range of children and young people with autism in relation to managing complex and/or challenging behaviours

Research Officer

Ref: MCARO/0209/

Salary £27,492 - £29,628 per annum

The Research Officer will work with the Head of Research and Development to establish and maintain the Research and Information Service in Middletown Centre for Autism.

Applicants must have:

- A degree, or equivalent third level qualification, in research methods, psychology, education or health related discipline
- A demonstrable track record of achievement in producing or contributing to high quality research
- Experience of working with information databases and producing high quality reports and statistical information from databases
- Experience of research governance and associated ethical considerations

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the educational development of children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

The Centre will consider flexible secondment arrangements for these posts.

Anyone wishing to have an informal discussion about any of these positions or secondment arrangements should contact the Centre.

To apply or for further information, please write, quoting the above reference number, to: Patrick McAuley, Middletown Centre for Autism, 35 Church Street, Middletown, Co. Armagh, BT60 4HZ.

Alternatively, you can telephone on +44 (0) 28 3751 5750 or e-mail: patrick.mcauley@middletownautism.com or you can download the same information and an application from www.middletownautism.com, www.nijobs.com, www.jobs.ie or www.publicjobs.ie

Application forms and information packs can be made available in accessible formats upon request.

Closing date for the receipt of applications is **4.30pm on Friday 20th March 2009.**

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