



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist) - Grade Code 2301

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as **Community Mental Health Nurse (Clinical Nurse Specialist)**.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates must:

- (i) Be registered in the Psychiatric Division of the Register of Nurses kept by An Bord Altranais or be entitled to be so registered;
and;
- (ii) Have at least 5 years post registration experience in the division of the register in which the applicant is currently practicing;
and;
- (iii) Have a minimum of 2 years experience in the specialist area-community;
and;
- (iv) Have the ability to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility within his/her scope of practice;
and;
- (v) Must demonstrate evidence of continuing professional development;
and;
- (vi) must have a formal recognised post registration education relevant to his/her area of specialist practice at higher diploma level or equivalent (level 8) on the NQAI framework.

2. Age

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

4. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 20th day of June two thousand and eleven.

Séan McGrath,
National Director of Human Resources.