***FOCUS AREA***
Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

***POSITION TITLE***
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, (O-5, non-supervisory)

***LOCATION DESCRIPTION***
This position is located at 60th MDG on Travis AFB

The 60th Medical Group operates the David Grant USAF Medical Center, the flagship hospital in the Air Force Medical Service. A premier Department of Defense TRICARE regional medical treatment facility, DGMC provides a full spectrum of health care and patient-centered treatment to a prime service area population of more than 500,000 DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs eligible beneficiaries in the immediate San Francisco-Sacramento vicinity. It provides or arranges comprehensive community and referral health care, readiness, education, research, teleradiology services, aeromedical staging, and DoD/VA joint ventures. 60 MDG annually supports more than 1.7 million patient encounters including more than 466,000 outpatient visits, 5,600 admissions, 427 births, 37,300 dental visits, 579,000 prescriptions, 159,000 radiological (X-ray) services, 465,000 laboratory services and 100 research protocols with more than 2,400 staff and a total annual expense of more than $310.5 million.

***CLOSING DATE***
Open until closed

*** JOB DESCRIPTION***
Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Provide a full range of nurse practitioner services in accordance with privileges granted by the credentials committee (e.g., completes comprehensive/psychiatric mental health assessments, diagnosis, short-term individual, couple, family and group psychotherapy and medication prescription as delineated by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, and monitoring for acute and chronic psychiatric illnesses).

Interviews patients and/or significant others to obtain and record clear, logical and concise psychiatric and health history. Performs physical assessment as indicated.

Develops treatment plans that sets goals to meet identified mental health needs evaluates responses to intervention, reviews treatment plans and reevaluates as necessary according to applicable regulations.

Provides psychiatric/mental health care to patients, and their families, through crisis intervention, individual, group, and family therapy.
Provides accurate psychiatric diagnoses and formulates treatment plans both independently, and within a multidisciplinary team.

Prescribes medication from the approved facility formulary. Instructs patients in the proper use, side effects and efficacy of prescribed medications within the scope of practice.

Orders and monitors the appropriate lab studies and/or X-rays to assist in competent and safe diagnoses and to substantiate medical intervention. Persists in close follow-up of any abnormal findings with appropriate physician referral.

Coordinates the inpatient/outpatient aspect of patient care when appropriate, including coordination with other health care providers, family members and duty section.

Assesses physical condition, and orders various tests (e.g., laboratory, neurological, and psychological) as indicated.

Provides mental health consultation to the health care facility staff and mental health services to patients and significant others.

Promotes population based primary mental health care and disease prevention through direct patient care management and consultation in primary care optimization settings.

Completes evaluations, consultations, and referrals appropriately. Requests consultation or referral with appropriate physicians, clinics, or other health resources as indicated.

Communicates, collaborates, and works effectively with clients, families and employees.

Ensures compliance with standards of care and practice in accordance with all established policies, procedures, and guidelines used in the medical treatment facility. Provides care within ethical and legal boundaries.

Assesses patients.

Completes orientation and competency verification programs in accordance with (IAW) unit guidelines.
Participates in the orientation and training of newly assigned personnel, as appropriate.

Serves and participates in committees, functions and other meetings as directed. Provides relevant and timely information to these groups, and assists with decision-making and process improvement.

Ensures a safe work environment, employee safe work habits and patient safety IAW regulatory agencies, infection control policies, and process improvement initiatives.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Graduation from a Master’s Degree Program with specialization as Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Licensure in target discipline (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner)

BLS for Healthcare Providers

ANCC PMHNP Certification

SECRET Clearance or ability to obtain a SECRET Clearance

***CONTACT INFORMATION***
Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter with references, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jena Vedder, Jennifer.a.vedder.mil@mail.mil