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Musqueam
Indian Band

MNP

Prescribing Health Nurse (Vancouver, BC)

On behalf of our client, Musqueam Indian Band, we are actively seeking a Prescribing Health Nurse to join their team! The Musqueam people are traditional speakers of hənqəmiñəm and constitute a robust and growing community, boasting over 1,300 members. Their community is situated on a small portion of their ancestral lands, known as the Musqueam Indian Reserve, located to the south of Marine Drive near the Fraser River's mouth. The name "Musqueam" is intricately tied to the River Plant, known as məθk^wəy. Passed down through generations, there is a compelling story that explains how they have come to be recognized as the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) - People of the River Plant. Historically, they have moved within their territory, harnessing its abundant resources for fishing, hunting, trapping, and gathering. They have maintained their cultural distinctiveness and resilience despite enduring challenges posed by residential schools, colonial laws that sought to suppress their ceremonies, and other attempts at assimilation. Today, their lands and waters continue to serve as the bedrock of their cultural and economic practices, carrying within them the repository of knowledge and memory, intricately intertwined with their teachings and laws. To delve deeper into the rich heritage and culture of Musqueam, we invite you to visit their official website at www.musqueam.bc.ca

The Prescribing Health Nurse position was created in response to the increasing illicit drug toxicity deaths resulting from BC's ongoing opioid crisis. The Prescribing Health Nurse is responsible for providing a comprehensive range of nursing functions and services within the Musqueam community. These functions and services fall under the Musqueam Health Department's Primary Care program and focus on the maintenance of the physical/mental health of individuals, family groups, and the community.

The Prescribing Nurse will focus on supporting community members who may be struggling with substance use and, when deemed medically appropriate, will prescribe opioid agonist treatments (OAT) to assist in the management of substance use disorder. Though the clinical focus will be on addiction care, the Prescribing Nurse will also provide acute primary care services at the Musqueam Primary Care Clinic (MPCC) when necessary. The Prescribing Health Nurse will be supported administratively by the clinic's Medical Office Assistants and will receive clinical support from the MPCC's Family Physician and Nurse Practitioner. They will also work alongside Musqueam's National Native Alcohol & Drug Addiction Program (NNADAP) workers and the Mental Health team. This position will function both on-site at the MPCC and will also require home visits to patients living in the Musqueam community. This position is full-time on a contract basis of one year with a high level of opportunity to renew. This position is a part of the Primary Care Clinic and reports to the Primary Care Manager.

Key Responsibilities

- Plans, coordinates, and provides medical prescriptions to clients diagnosed with substance use conditions or substance use disorders; prescribes and provides in accordance with the Standards, Limits, and Conditions of the British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM)
- Work in the Musqueam community, must assist in community care as a team member of the Health Department and Band Administration, work with Community leaders and other healthcare providers
- Support MPCC with acute primary care (i.e. patient appointments) both in the clinic and community members' homes when necessary

- Maintains excellence in nursing practice through attendance at in-house and external professional meetings, in-services and conferences, and review of professional literature.
- Other duties as required by the MPCC and Health Department

Skills and Qualifications

- Ability to commit to 3-8 days of education for OAT prescribing (VCH), funded by through Musqueam Indian Band. Education includes online training, workbooks, and a clinical preceptorship (either on-site at the MPCC or off-site at another training facility)
- Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN) degree, current practicing membership in good standing with the College of Registered Nurses of B.C., and/or eligibility for licensure with the CRNBC.
- Current CPR/ AED Level C certification and current Immunization certification.
- Two or more years experience working as a registered nurse in addiction medicine and harm reduction with knowledge about culturally safe healthcare practices, preferably in an Indigenous setting
- Skill and ability to exercise independent nursing judgment in a community-based environment, work collaboratively with a multi-disciplinary team
- Analytical and problem-solving skills and techniques to carry out primary care assessments and substance use support, identify and recommend/develop interventions to address multi-faceted public health problems, and provide professional nursing advice.
- Writing and editing skills to prepare proposals, a variety of nursing and health reports, client assessments, presentations and educational materials, and correspondence for a variety of audiences.
- Verbal and public speaking skills and the ability to present often complex health information in a non-threatening, culturally appropriate, and clear manner, to provide health information and advice, and deliver educational programs to lay personnel as well as individuals, families, and Community-level client groups.

Working Conditions

- Work is performed in a clinic/clinical space and residents' home environments within the Musqueam community
- Valid Driver's License required with access to a vehicle for work purposes
- Successful Criminal Record Check and Oath of Confidentiality
- Quarterly meetings with the clinical supervisor

Join the Musqueam team and become an integral part of their community-focused First Nations Government, deeply rooted in the wisdom of their heritage. This role is based out of Musqueam's Administrative Office, which maintains a drug and alcohol-free environment, fosters a welcoming business casual culture, and grants access to a community fitness center and gym. Additionally, employees will enjoy the advantages of a comprehensive group benefits plan and a pension plan. Conveniently situated with ample free parking, picturesque nature trails at UBC, and the tranquility of the nearby Fraser River, you'll thrive in a dynamic work setting surrounded by diverse shops, restaurants, and services.

If you feel you have the demonstrated background and are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please forward your resume to laise.sato@mnp.ca. We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those selected to move forward will be contacted.