



Somerset West Community Health Centre

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL
JOB POSTING

Harm Reduction Outreach Worker

1.0 FTE-term covering a maternity leave until December 20, 2013

As part of the Harm Reduction team, the Outreach Worker provides support, case management, health education, and needle exchange/safer inhalation supplies to high risk populations. Services are offered on site at the community health centre as well as through the mobile van.

This position is full time (35 hours per week) and requires working 3 evening shifts on the mobile van per week. Shifts will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related health discipline or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum of three (3) years experience working with high risk populations and active drug users.
- Excellent knowledge of and experience with a harm reduction approach.
- Good understanding of health promotion, HIV and HCV transmission.
- Knowledge of related community resources.
- Experience with homelessness, mental health and addictions.
- Ability to assess and manage crisis situations.
- Ability to work comfortably in non- conventional settings.
- Excellent communication skills and sensitivity to people with differing values and belief systems.
- Sound judgement and strong problem solving skills.
- Valid driver's licence
- Fluency in English and French; other languages an asset.
- Proficient use of computers and various software applications.
- Successful criminal reference check for the vulnerable sector

Applications must include your resume and cover letter which clearly demonstrates how you meet the requirements of the position. Closing date for applications is: **5:00 p.m., November 2, 2012**. Please send applications to the attention of:

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Thank you for your interest; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.