



Advice of Position Vacancy

Date:	January 22, 2021
Position title:	Counsellor
Posting number:	2021-9
Status:	Temporary full time
Closing date:	Position remains open until filled. Please send your resume and cover letter to humanresources@drpeter.org

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation provides compassionate HIV care for people living with significant health and social issues including mental illness, trauma, addictions, unstable housing and poverty.

Through its day health, 24-hour care residence and enhanced supportive housing programs, the Dr. Peter Centre provides healthy meals, counselling, therapies, nursing, and a safe place for peer socialization and support. This integrated model of care successfully engages individuals in their health care, improving adherence to HIV treatment and overall health.

Position Summary

Reporting to the Day Health Program Manager, the Counsellor, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, is responsible for providing brief, supportive and ongoing counselling to participants in the Day Health Program, Residence, and the Enhanced Supportive Housing Program.

Key Responsibilities

The Counsellor is responsible for:

- Providing brief therapy, supportive counselling and ongoing counselling and group counselling to participants in the Day Health Program;
- Assessing individual and group needs and planning the relevant counselling interventions including grief and loss counselling, trauma counselling and addiction counselling;
- Assisting in the assessment of referrals and new admissions;
- Assisting in the orientation of new participants;
- Participating as an active member of the clinical team member including supporting general program activities and environment monitoring as assigned;
- Facilitating connection with community services and service providers for community referrals and on discharge from program;
- Collaborating with other team members and external health and social providers in developing plans;
- Documenting significant interventions and contacts; and
- Other related duties including assignment in Day Health, Enhanced Supportive Housing and Residence programs.



Education, Qualifications and Experience

The preferred education, qualifications, and experience of the Counsellor are:

- Preferred Masters' Degree in Social Work, Counselling Psychology or related discipline;
- Minimum three years' experience in providing counselling or life skill support for individuals with co-existing health issues, specifically HIV, addiction and mental illness;
- Knowledge and experience in addiction and trauma counselling; and
- Current CPR/ AED certification – level C.

COVID-19 Restrictions

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation is a long term care facility that is subject to the Single Site Order (SSO) issued by the Public Health Authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.