

### Advice of Position Vacancy

<b>Date:</b>	September 8, 2021
<b>Position title:</b>	Counselor – Day Health Program
<b>Posting number:</b>	2021-47
<b>Status:</b>	Casual
<b>Closing date:</b>	Position remains open until filled. Please send your resume and cover letter to <a href="mailto:humanresources@drpeter.org">humanresources@drpeter.org</a>

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation provides compassionate HIV care for people living with significant health and social issues including mental illness, trauma, substance use, 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 Counselor, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, is responsible for providing brief, supportive and ongoing counseling to participants in the Day Health Program, and the Enhanced Supportive Housing Program.

#### Key Responsibilities

The Counselor is responsible for:

- Providing brief therapy, supportive counseling and ongoing counseling and group counseling to participants in the Day Health Program;
- Assessing individual and group needs and planning the relevant counseling interventions including grief and loss counseling, trauma counseling and substance use counseling;
- 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;
- Collaborate 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 Enhanced Supportive Housing and Residence programs.



### **Education, Qualifications and Experience**

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

- Preferred Masters' Degree in Counseling Psychology, Social Work or related discipline;
- Minimum three years' experience in providing counseling or life skill support for individuals with co-existing health issues, specifically HIV, substance use and mental illness;
- Knowledge and experience in addiction and trauma counseling; 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 Provincial Health Officer in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Note:** We thank all interested applicants. Regretfully, we are not able to respond to phone calls or emails, and we are able to respond only to those applicants who are being considered for an interview.