



Advice of Position Vacancy

Date:	February 23, 2022
Position title:	Indigenous Program Counselor
Posting number:	2022-05
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 Indigenous Program Counselor, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, is responsible for designing and implementing full-time cultural activities and support services at the Dr. Peter Center.

Key Responsibilities

The Indigenous Program Counselor is responsible for:

- Working with the Day Health and Residence Managers to design, implement and coordinate weekly cultural activities for participants in the Day Health and Residence programs.
- Developing and maintaining indigenous specific programing and counselling as part of the multi-disciplinary team.
- Lead consultation process with cultural workers and participants to ensure that we have space to accommodate Indigenous ceremony.
- Establish partnerships within the community to organize out-trips such as harvesting traditional medicines or participating in local ceremony.
- Participating as an active member of the clinical team, supporting general program activities.
- Establishing and maintaining rapport with participants and residents.
- Other related duties.



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;
- Lived experience of indigenous culture and practices
- Minimum 5 years' experience providing cultural support, counseling or life skill support for indigenous individuals with co-existing health issues, specifically HIV, addiction and mental illness;
- Extensive knowledge and expertise of indigenous practices and therapeutic approaches
- Knowledge and experience in substance use and trauma counseling
- Effective communication both verbally and in writing
- 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.

This is a full time term position. Compensation: \$31.99 - \$44.56 per hour.

Please send applications to humanresources@drpeter.org

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.