

Advice of Position Vacancy

Date:	April 18, 2024
Position title:	Art Therapist
Posting number:	2024-22
Status:	Casual
Hourly wage rate:	\$42.27- \$52.81
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, 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.

We are currently looking for an Art Therapist to join our multidisciplinary team on a Casual basis.

Position Summary

Reporting to the Day Health Program Manager, the Art Therapist, as a member of a multi-disciplinary team, is responsible for on-going programming in the Art Studio as well as maintaining a safe environment both physically and relationally. The Art Therapist develops, delivers and evaluates art based programs to participants of the Day Health Program and to residents, in the Residence, or as part of the Day Health Program.

Key Responsibilities

The Art Therapist is responsible for the following:

- Provides art activities; leisure and therapeutic based;
- Organizes and facilitates Art Exhibits and Demonstrations;
- Documents observations, assessments, and interventions;
- Responsible for maintaining safety standards related to art studio equipment, for example, kiln, sewing machines, pottery wheel;
- Participates in the orientation of new staff, volunteers and students;
- Supervises volunteers and students designated to the Art Studio;
- Participates in quality improvement and risk management activities by identifying and reporting high risk situations and /or care issues, evaluating effect of changes in Art Therapy practice;
- Makes recommendations for alternative approaches to Art Therapy practice and collecting applicable data;
- Identifies self-learning needs and maintains and enhances clinical competency;
- Participates in Special Events, planning and supports activities; and
- Performs other related duties as assigned within clinical programs.

Education, Qualifications and Experience

The preferred education, qualifications and experience of the Art Therapist are:

- Diploma or Degree in Art Therapy, Therapeutic Recreation or related areas;
- A minimum of two years' experience working with marginalized populations;
- Experience working with people who are living with HIV/AIDS, substance use and mental health;
- Knowledge of and experience with behavioural management techniques;
- Ability to work collaboratively with the interdisciplinary team members including volunteers and students;
- Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing;
- Ability to organize work;
- Ability to operate work related equipment;
- Knowledge of various Art modalities;
- Experience using Art for enjoyment, expression, and or therapeutically;
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position; and
- Current CPR/ AED certification – level C.

General Working Conditions

This is a casual position with an hourly pay rate range of \$42.27- \$52.81. This position requires flexibility and the ability to prioritize workload, and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment where demands and deadlines may change with short notice. Multitasking and flexibility are a must in order to meet deadlines, and to support many operational functions/activities that may occur concurrently or without notice. An understanding of the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive employee/client information is necessary.

If you have suitable qualifications and experience for this position, please send your resume to humanresources@drpeter.org.

COVID-19 Restrictions:

- Proof of full vaccination status against COVID-19 in British Columbia required.

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.