

Advice of Position Vacancy

Date:	January 22, 2021
Position title:	Nurse Practitioner
Posting number:	2021-11
Status:	Full time and/or part 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

The role of the Nurse Practitioner in the Day Health Program is the provision of primary, secondary, and tertiary preventative care with the overall goal of improving the person's health.

Reporting to the Senior Director of Clinical Programs, as a member of a multidisciplinary team, using an interdisciplinary approach to care, the Nurse Practitioner is responsible for the comprehensive assessment of participants utilizing the nursing services.

The Nurse Practitioner initiates treatment including health care management, therapeutic interventions and prescribes medications in accordance with the statutory and regulatory standards, limits and conditions, and employer's policies and procedures. The Nurse Practitioner provides professional guidance to nursing care staff and collaborates with the participants' primary care providers.

Key Responsibilities

The Nurse Practitioner is responsible for:

- Diagnosing and treat previously undiagnosed participants for undifferentiated disease and conditions within the Nurse Practitioners' scope of practice;
- Writing orders for treatment and medications;
- In collaboration with primary care physician, monitors ongoing care, orders appropriate screening diagnostic investigations; interprets reports of investigations and analyzes information to monitor progress and plan treatment;
- Initiating treatment including health care management, therapeutic interventions and prescribe medications in accordance with the statutory and regulatory standards, limits, conditions, and employer's policies and procedures;



- Providing professional mentorship to other health providers and practices autonomously and interdependently within the context of an interdisciplinary health care team;
- Participating in the development of policies, procedures and protocols relevant to the nursing, interdisciplinary care, and health system practices;
- Participating in quality improvement and program evaluation including self and peer review processes; and
- Participating in the orientation of new staff and the support of students.

Education, Qualifications and Experience

The preferred education, qualifications and experience of the Nurse Practitioner are:

- Current registration as a Nurse Practitioner with the BC College of Nursing Professionals;
- Recent relevant clinical knowledge and experience in adults with HIV and complex medical and social issues including substance use;
- Completion of the Provincial Opioid addiction treatment support program and preceptorship;
- Knowledge and experience in Hepatitis C treatment;
- Knowledge and experience in women's health;
- Ability to communicate with clients about health findings, diagnosis, treatment, and self-care;
- Ability to collaborate, consult, and refer clients to physicians and other healthcare providers;
- Ability to assess and recognize population health trends;
- Ability to plan and implement strategies for population-based prevention and health promotion;
- Ability to identify and respond appropriately to legal and ethical issues that may arise in client care; and
- Ability to self-assess performance and assume responsibility and accountability for own professional development, educational, or consultative assistance when appropriate.

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 Authority in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.