



Counsellor

One (1) Full-Time Regular Position, 1.0 FTE (35 hours/week). Bargaining Unit - UFCW Local 175

Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (PQWCHC) is a dynamic, community-based health care organization serving mid-west downtown Toronto. Offering a broad range of services, including primary health care, dental care, harm reduction, health promotion, counselling, and community development programming, we are also committed to serving people who face barriers to health care, and we strive to reduce these barriers. PQWCHC is a multi-sited organization.

Reporting to the Manager of Mental Health Services, you will spend approximately half of your time doing brief intake assessments and case assignment and half of your time providing drop-in clinical counselling and co-facilitating groups to address the mental health needs and social determinants of health for marginalized clients. Your work will be with adults, including members of racialized and LGBTQ communities. Consistent with your training and experience, you will conduct single-session or very short-term counselling using a trauma-informed motivational interviewing approach.

As a Counselling team member, you will participate in clinical supervision and agency meetings. Your responsibilities will also include maintaining timely and appropriate electronic documentation and participating in the overall activities of the Health Centre (training, committees, special events, etc.).

Leveraging your experience, you will also work with other service providers to address gaps in service or required services and liaise with community agencies and institutions regarding issues relevant to client needs.

Please note that this position requires working exclusively on-site at the centre.

Qualifications:

- Graduate degree in relevant discipline from a recognized university.
- Member in good standing with the OCSWSSW or CRPO.
- Three to five years of counselling experience with adults, preferably in a community health setting.
- Proficiency in mental health assessment and counseling techniques that are trauma-informed and strength-resiliency-based.
- Experience working with the LGBTQ and/or racialized population.
- Experience providing support or treatment to adults with significant mental health/trauma/addiction challenges.
- Knowledge of and experience in motivational interviewing and staged matched interventions.
- Formal training and experience with brief therapy.
- Demonstrated ability to work with multi-disciplinary teams.
- Proficiency in the use of computers and various software applications.
- Proficiency in another language is considered an asset.

Compensation: \$63,364 to \$74,056 per annum, plus Group Benefits and HOOPP (Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan)

If you are interested in joining in a creative and dedicated team, we want to hear from you! Please send your resume and cover letter **in a single document** (MS Word or PDF format only) to [hiring@pqwchc.ca](mailto: hiring@pqwchc.ca), quoting "**Counsellor-Intake**" in the subject line. Please submit application by 5:00 pm on September 27, 2022. External applicants, the deadline to apply is October 3, 2022. We truly appreciate your interest; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please also note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a police vulnerable sector check as a condition of employment, however strong consideration is made to the type of offense. Employment is conditional upon having had a full series (2 doses) of COVID19 vaccinations 14 days before starting employment.