



Harm Reduction Outreach Coordinator

6 months contract, 1.0 FTE (35 hrs/week), Bargaining Unit – UFCW Local 175

Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (Parkdale Queen West CHC) 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.

An experienced and knowledgeable health educator and harm reduction leader who shares our passion for making a difference, you see this role as an opportunity to take the next step in your successful career while contributing to a vision of **Inclusive Communities. Responsive Healthcare. Healthier Lives.**

Reporting to the Manager, Urban Health - Harm Reduction Services, and using a harm reduction approach, you'll lead implementation of a City of Toronto funded project to work with marginalized groups to provide support to the vulnerable populations of people who use drugs with a focus on reducing transmission of HIV&HCV, through a variety of strategies that includes street and shelter outreach, resource development and distribution, crisis intervention, advocacy, community education, and recruitment, training and supervision of peer workers.

As a Harm Reduction Coordinator, you'll provide anonymous testing, supply distribution and collection services, and will call on your substantial knowledge of drug use, harm reduction and HIV&HCV prevention to design and deliver targeted educational workshops to service users and providers alike, as well as provide internal and external referrals for HIV+ clients. This collaborative role will benefit from your strengths as a communicator, as you develop professional and social networks, build community capacity to respond to the needs of vulnerable populations of drug users and work with partners, participants, peers and the community to identify current and emerging care and support needs and service gaps, and enhance access to treatment and health care support.

Maintaining timely, accurate written and electronic client records, reports and correspondence will be an integral part of your job, which includes responsibility for program execution, evaluation and quality assurance – from developing, implementing, maintaining and evaluating HIV& HCV program goals and objectives, to developing and following appropriate protocols and policies. **Majority of work will be based at the Parkdale site and the position may be expected to work across sites.**

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline from a recognized university, or a combination of some post-secondary education and experience in relevant field.
- 3 to 5 years' relevant experience in a community setting, and expertise in workshop design and facilitation, and program development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
- Experience working with marginalized communities such as homeless and under-housed people, street-involved youth, psychiatric consumer/survivors, sex trade workers, and drug users.
- Proficiency in one or more languages other than English, and personal/lived experience of drug use, homelessness, and/or street involvement would be considered assets.

Compensation: \$54,254 to \$66,102 per annum

If you are interested in joining a creative and dedicated team to make things better, we want to hear from you. Please send your resume and cover letter in a single document (MS Word or PDF format only) to hr@pqwchc.ca, quoting "HR Coordinator - Contract" in the subject line. Internal candidates please submit application by 5:00 pm of December 16, 2020. External applicants the deadline for application is December 24, 2020. 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 criminal reference check as a condition of employment.

PQWCHC is committed to the principles of access and equity. PQWCHC is committed to reflecting the diversity of the communities it serves and we encourage applicants who reflect Toronto's indigenous, LGBTQ2, racial, and cultural diversity. We welcome and encourage applications from all qualified candidates, including people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request. Parkdale Queen West CHC is in full compliance of the Ontario Human Rights Code and does not discriminate on the ground of records of offenses.