



## Registered Nurse – Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program

6 months contract position, 1.0 FTE (35 hours/week), Bargaining Units - 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. PQWCHC is a multi-sited organization.

**General Responsibilities:** We are currently seeking a Registered Nurse to work in our Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program. The RN will work within the full scope of practice as a member of the interprofessional team. They will work within a harm reduction framework to provide intake and assessment functions for new SOS clients and work with the broader SOS team in providing administrative and evaluation support for the program.

The Safer Opioid Supply program (SOS) provides clients using street-based drug supply, who are at high risk of overdose in the community and of medical complications due to drug use, a regulated supply of prescription opioids through an MD or NP in an effort to reduce overdose and overdose deaths.

### Specific Responsibilities:

- Triage SOS referrals from internal and external resources
- Conduct in-depth assessments of potential SOS clients; perform blood draws as necessary; conducts follow up assessments on clients in the program
- Conduct in-depth and focused assessments based on client condition and acuity at intake and on an ongoing basis; provide health and harm reduction education as needed
- Perform assessments on skin and soft tissue infections and perform wound care as needed.
- Liaise with other providers including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and Supervised Consumption Service staff to coordinate client care
- Provide support to other health care providers working on Observed dosing arm on site for clients who cannot receive daily dispense of medications at pharmacy; perform assessments prior to administering medication to ensure dose can be given and monitor clients following administration for adverse effects
- Engage in collaborative community relationships to facilitate patient access to services.
- Charting client assessments, procedures, follow up per CNO standard

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from a recognized program
- Current registration as a Registered Nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Experience in a community setting or combination of community, hospital, or public health settings.
- Knowledge of harm reduction principles, injection drug use and associated health issues
- Experience in primary care or street/outreach nursing an asset
- Experience in emergency response an asset
- Experience in program development, implementation monitoring and evaluation an asset
- Demonstrated ability to de-escalate conflict
- Confidence in asserting and maintaining strong boundaries
- Knowledge of community services and resources; strong advocacy skills
- Proficiency in the use of electronic medical records
- Strong oral and written communication skills

*PQWCHC is committed to the principles of access and equity. PQWCHC is committed to reflecting the diversity of the communities it serves and we highly 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.*



- Respects and values the diversity of communities and individuals

**Compensation:** \$63,364 to \$74,056 per annum

If you are interested in joining in 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 [hiring@pgwchc.ca](mailto: hiring@pgwchc.ca) , quoting “RN SOS - Contract” in the subject line. Internal and external candidates, please submit your application by 5:00 pm of December 23, 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.