



Registered Nurse - Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program

One (1) full-time temporary position, 1.0 FTE (35 hours/week), Bargaining Unit: ONA

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. We are seeking experienced harm reduction worker who share 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***

General Responsibilities:

We are currently seeking a Registered Nurse to work in our Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program within the Observed Arm. The SOS program 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. The Observed Arm offers support to individuals who are not suitable candidates for the daily dispense model of the 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 (Nurse Practitioners, Case Manager) in providing administrative and evaluation support for the program. This program has been funded only to March 31, 2023.

The SOS Registered Nurse Observed Arm is accountable to the Supervisor, Urban Health - Harm Reduction Services.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Work on the observed dosing arm for clients who cannot receive daily dispense of medications at pharmacy. This will involve administering procedural checklist prior to administering medication to ensure dose can be given; monitoring clients following administration for adverse effects
- Provide health and harm reduction education as needed
- Perform assessments on skin and soft tissue infections and either refer to RN for wound care or perform minor wound care as needed.
- Liaise with other providers including physicians, nurse practitioners, case managers, health navigators, and Supervised Consumption Service staff to coordinate client care
- 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
- Demonstrated ability to de-escalate conflict an asset
- Confidence in asserting and maintaining strong boundaries
- Proficiency in the use of electronic medical records
- Experience in program development, implementation monitoring and evaluation an asset
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Respects and values the diversity of communities and individuals

Compensation: \$62,419 to \$74,148 per annum plus 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 hring@pqwchc.ca, quoting "RN-SOS-PD" in the subject line. Internal candidates, please submit your application by 5:00 pm of May 19, 2022. External candidates the deadline for application is by 5pm of June 17, 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 of COVID19 vaccinations 14 days before starting 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.