

Registered Nurse - Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program

One Full-Time Regular Position, 1.0 FTE (35 hours/week),

Bargaining Unit: Ontario Nurses Association (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 at the Queen West Site. 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 SOS program provides primarily daily dispense services and where/when possible observed dosing and rapid titration services to individuals who are not suitable candidates for the daily dispense model of the program. RN is expected to contribute clinical knowledge to continue developing all areas 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, assessment and follow up functions for SOS clients and work with the broader SOS team in providing administrative and evaluation support for the program. This program has been funded only to March 31, 2024.

The SOS Registered Nurse 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 internal and external service providers to coordinate and ensure high quality 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
- Previous SOS experience is considered an asset and is preferred, but not required

Compensation: \$62,419 to \$74,148 per annum plus Group Benefits and HOOPP (Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan)

If you are interested in joining 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 **2023-010** in the subject line. Please submit application by: April 14, 2023. We truly appreciate your interest; however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Note: Please copy and paste **2023-010** into the subject line, and only that, to ensure accuracy of your application being accepted.

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 COVID-19 vaccinations (2 doses, plus booster within 6-12 months) 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.