



INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING

1.0 FTE – Contract Positions(to March 31, 2021), 1.0 FTE (35 hours/week)

Registered Practical Nurse – Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program Bargaining Unit – Parkdale site: 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 2 Registered Practical Nurses to work in our Safer Opioid Supply (SOS) program. The RPNs will work within their full scope of practice as a member of the interprofessional team. They will work within a harm reduction framework to provide support for 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:

- 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
- 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, nurses, 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:

- RPN training from a recognized program
- Current registration as a Registered Practical Nurse with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Experience in a community setting or combination including, hospital, or public health settings.
- Knowledge of harm reduction principles, injection drug use and associated health issues
- Demonstrated ability to de-escalate conflict an asset
- Confidence in asserting and maintaining strong boundaries
- Proficiency in the use of electronic medical records
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Respects and values the diversity of communities and individuals

Compensation: \$43,547 to \$52,469 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@pqwchc.ca, quoting "RPN SOS - 1.0 FTE" in the subject line. Internal candidates, please submit your application by 5:00 pm of September 18th, 2020. Deadline for External candidates is by 5pm of September 24th, 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 ethnic 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.