



**VANCOUVER
NATIVE
HEALTH
SOCIETY**

NURSE PRACTITIONER OPPORTUNITY at VANCOUVER NATIVE HEALTH CLINIC

Posting Date: August 18th

Closing Date: Open until filled

Description:

The Vancouver Native Health Clinic, a primary care clinic situated in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, is seeking an experienced and dynamic Nurse Practitioner (NP) on a full time basis (1 fte) to join our team. We have a one-year contract available with potential for renewal. The clinic serves a predominantly urban Indigenous population, although not exclusively so. Many of the patients struggle with their chronic illnesses (HIV, HCV, Diabetes, COPD) in the context of poverty, homelessness, Substance Use Disorders, and Mental Health Issues. Most shifts have 2 other family physicians working at the same time, unless it is an evening or weekend shift. There are 4 exam rooms, and the clinic has one full-time RN who does blood work, immunizations, wound care, Pap smear screening, and STI treatments. In addition to the ten Family Physicians that staff the clinic, there is also a Psychiatrist, Mental Health Counselors, Elders and a Dietician working at the VNH clinic. The clinic also hosts a weekly evening Youth Clinic and a weekly Women and Children's Afternoon. The Nurse Practitioners are funded through Vancouver Coastal Health. The clinic uses the EMR Oscar, and patient appointment times are on average 20 minutes in duration (30 minutes or more may be appropriate in some cases). We offer full scope primary care in a supportive team based environment. Free parking is available in the clinic parking lot. Exact hours have flexibility. We have shifts available Monday 9am - 830pm, Wednesday 9am-5pm, Thursday 9am-830pm, Fridays 9am-5pm, Saturday 9am-230pm and Sunday 9am-1230pm.

Qualifications:

The clinic is looking for an NP who can provide trauma-informed, culturally competent one-on-one care to this patient population. The NP is responsible and accountable for the comprehensive assessment of patients/clients/residents including diagnosing diseases, disorders and conditions. The Nurse Practitioner initiates treatment including health care management, therapeutic interventions and prescribes medications in accordance with the statutory and regulatory standards, limits and conditions, and employer policies and procedures. The Nurse Practitioner provides professional guidance to other health professionals and practices autonomously and interdependently within the context of an interdisciplinary health care team, making referrals to specialist physicians and others as appropriate.

- Current registration and exam qualified as a Nurse Practitioner with the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals
- A Methadone License and be competent in prescribing Opioid Agonist Therapy (or be willing to complete the BCCSU course)
- Relevant clinical community nursing experience as an NP is an asset
- CPR/AED Level C certificate
- Successful completion of the Objective Structured Clinical Examination OSCE
- Successful completion of Controlled Substance Certificate is an asset.

Starting Date: September 2019

Salary: To be discussed