



# Anishnawbe Health Toronto

*Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous people in spirit, mind, emotion and body by providing Traditional Healing within a multidisciplinary health care model.*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION COUNSELLOR

Regular/Full Time



Anishnawbe Health Toronto is a fully accredited community health centre which offers access to health care practitioners from many disciplines including Traditional Healers, Elders and Medicine People. We are recruiting a **Mental Health & Addiction Counsellor** to join a multidisciplinary mental health team which addresses the social determinants of health.

We have broken ground for our new home of Anishnawbe Health Toronto, an Indigenous Hub in the West Don Lands. We expect to be completed in the spring of 2023. Join our dynamic team and the exciting programs and services offered at AHT and our collective work to support the reclamation of culture and identity.

### Duties & Responsibilities:

- Counselling including assessments, care planning and referrals for individuals impacted by substance use
- Case management and community based capacity building through community education and liaison between internal and external resources
- Accompany clients from hospital emergency departments, shelters, withdrawal management sites, etc. to the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic
- Provides interventions with the understanding of the effects of the substance use and concurrent mental health issues
- Provide aftercare/continuous care and follow up to clients, including outreach to follow up with them if they have missed appointments, and offer liaison and support during hospitalization, discharge planning and other specialized services

- Connect clients with emergency services as needed and provide support and referral for psychologist/psychiatrist services
- Offer walk-in counselling, crisis counselling as necessary, and advice, support and information to clients, their families and service providers on mental health, addictions and cultural issues
- Participate in intensive case management and advocacy for clients
- Collaborate with other members of the multidisciplinary team to develop and monitor client wellness plans and address issues that arise
- In conjunction with team members, help to develop, plan and implement programs and strategies to assist with the healing process

### **Qualifications & Experience:**

- Master of Social Work and registration with the OCSWSSW, or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- Required to learn about Aboriginal culture, history, traditions, medicines and healing approaches
- Experience working in the mental health/addictions field
- Comprehensive knowledge of client-centered mental health/addictions interventions, professional skills and community resources
- An understanding of the social determinants of health and other issues relevant to Aboriginal communities in Toronto; respect for Traditional healing
- Strong interpersonal, advocacy, collaboration and conflict resolution skills
- Valid Ontario driver's license

**How to Apply:** Please submit your cover letter and resume in a single document by email to [recruitment@aht.ca](mailto:recruitment@aht.ca), with your "Name" and "Counsellor Employment Opportunity" in the subject line & the document name. If you have questions about the application process, please call 416-920-2605 x 332.

**CLOSING DATE: Position will remain open until filled**

**START DATE: As soon as possible**

Anishnawbe Health Toronto offers competitive compensation and a supportive workplace environment.

**Applicants who self-identify as Indigenous and meet the requirements of the job posting will be given first consideration in the hiring process.**

*Anishnawbe Health Toronto is committed to diversity and values the contribution of its employees from diverse backgrounds and experiences. We welcome applications from Indigenous persons, visible minority group members, women, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who contribute to greater diversity of perspectives.*

If you are invited for an interview and require accommodation, please let us know. Miigwetch to all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.