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BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre (BCW) is the only facility in British Columbia devoted primarily to the health of women, newborns and families. It provides a broad range of specialized women's health services that address the health needs of women of all ages and backgrounds. BC Women's is one of the largest maternity facilities in Canada, with over 7,000 births a year, and is both the major primary and secondary maternity services provider in the Lower Mainland and the cornerstone of the provincial tertiary care system. As an academic health centre BCW's mandate includes providing strong leadership in research and the education and professional development of health care professionals in areas related to the health of the populations we serve.

Indigenous Health works in partnership with community providers, especially community health representatives (CHR's) and other health providers both on and off-reserve. By coordinating with other professionals, government agencies and non-profit organizations, both federal and provincial, and are able to take advantage of existing resources in the province and work to strengthen the capacity within Indigenous communities.

BCW is an agency of the **Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)**, which plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty and province-wide health care services across BC. PHSA embodies values that reflect a commitment to excellence. These include:

Respect people • Be compassionate • Dare to innovate • Cultivate partnerships • Serve with purpose

Social Worker - Indigenous Care

Reference #69989

Regular Full Time

Wage: \$33.01 to \$41.16 per hour

Monday to Friday 0830-1630

Vancouver, BC

Consistent with the inter professional setting the Social Worker, Indigenous Care provides social work services, including psychosocial assessments and intervention, to Indigenous patients and families to address social and emotional stressors resulting from the interaction of physical, social, cultural and psychological outcomes associated with perinatal issues and treatment, including loss and bereavement services. The Social Worker provides consultation to team members and relevant community agencies regarding child welfare concerns. Intervention services provided by the Social Worker for Indigenous patients and families who are facing complex health care plans and require the additional support no matter where they are discharged to throughout the province includes networking and discharge planning support no matter where they are discharged to throughout the province, crisis intervention, short-term counseling, advocacy, liaison with community services; coordination of resources, consultation with teams, collaboration with community agencies, education, program planning and research.

Example of Duties/Accountabilities

- Conducts comprehensive psychosocial and family assessments by methods such as interviewing the patient and family, obtaining relevant information, gathering social data regarding the patient and family and formulation of assessment and plan of intervention, in accordance with professional practice standards and clinical policies.
- Supports patient and their family by understanding the nature and treatment of the presenting issues by providing education, short-term counseling and crisis intervention to families and other relevant caregivers, organizing and facilitating psycho-educational, counseling and bereavement groups for partners and their families.
- Provides comprehensive clinical counseling with women, children and their families by focusing on their social, emotional and cultural needs, including adjustment to diagnosis and treatment decisions, loss of functioning and dealing with emotional and family crises in the context of evidence based care.
- Facilitates in complex discharge planning with the team, patient, family and community agencies by coordinating regular meetings to ensure psycho-social follow-up; staying connected with patient and family once discharged from the BC Women's Hospital and/or BC Children's Hospital and ensuring care plans are coordinated with appropriate referrals and resources regardless of the health authority or municipal jurisdiction to which the patient is being discharged.

Qualifications

Education, Training and Experience

- Master's Degree in Social Work from an accredited School of Social Work.
- Minimum 1 year recent related experience with patient and their family with a health condition relevant to the service area within BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre and/or the BC Children's hospital including clinical skills in crisis intervention, assessment, short-term counseling, individual, group and family counseling; must have experience in mental health, child protection, women's issues, intimate partner violence, harm reduction model and grief and loss in a health care or hospital setting; or an equivalent combination of education, training or experience.
- Current full registration with the British Columbia College of Social Workers.
- Pursuant to Section 41 of the British Columbia Human Rights Code, preference will be given to applicants of Aboriginal Ancestry.

Key Skills and Abilities Include

- Comprehensive knowledge of Social Work theory and practice.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct and document a comprehensive psychosocial assessment.
- Demonstrated ability to provide individual, family and group counseling.
- Knowledge of the psychosocial needs of women and families with health and/or mental health conditions.
- Knowledge of and experience with Indigenous centered care and unique needs of Indigenous populations and health services, in alignment with Paige's Story (2015) and the Truth and Reconciliation Call To Action report (2015).
- Knowledge of specific resources for Indigenous patients and families, ie First Nations Health Authority, Métis Family Services, VACFSS and other delegated Aboriginal child and family services, Community Health Centre's/Clinics on and off reserve, etc.

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Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

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For more information about the Indigenous Health program at BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre, please visit: bcwomens.ca/our-services/indigenous-health/indigenous-womens-health.

PHSA is committed to employment equity and hires on the basis of merit. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals, including Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.