



# Okanagan Nation Alliance

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Syilx Health Lead

The ONA is seeking to employ an enthusiastic individual to work as Syilx Health Lead within the Wellness Department. The position reports to the Child Family Youth and Health Services Manager (CFYH), and will be responsible for leading the Syilx Health Planning initiatives, including the development of strategic pathways that articulate the Syilx Nation's vision for improving health. The creation of briefing notes, position papers and reports regarding Aboriginal Health Policy, Program and Service Delivery, are critical deliverables to position.

The Health Lead will show leadership and be actively involved in Aboriginal health programs impacting our communities including Interior Health Authority, First Nations Health Authority and other relevant Federal, Provincial, and Regional Health processes. The position holder will be required to be apprised and current on current First Nations Health Governance processes and evidence-based Indigenous best practices specific to Aboriginal Health.

The Syilx Health Lead will furthermore work primarily with the ONA Wellness Committee (the Health Directors in the seven Okanagan Nation Communities), IHA Aboriginal team and the FNHA Interior Regional staff to update the Okanagan/Syilx Nation Health Plan.

#### Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Research, develop, define and articulate a plan that highlights Syilx priorities regarding health issues, needs and policy issues with the interior region to external partners.
- Lead, develop and maintain the Okanagan/Syilx Health Plan and development processes
- Provide technical support to the Wellness Committee including Syilx Representatives at the Interior Region Technician Table and Interior Region Nation Executive.
- Write well informed briefing notes, progress reports, critical reviews of external reports, recommendations and other technical documents to the ONA regarding health issues.
- Supervision of health cluster staff on a continuous and consistent basis to enhance and maintain excellent service delivery, morale and staff retention.
- Develop annual work plans and a communication strategy, project management and ensure program and reporting requirements are met.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- A Masters degree in the Health Sciences, Health Policy, or Nursing is preferred, or an equivalent combination of education and experience in the Health sector.
- Must be knowledgeable of Federal and Provincial Government policy in the First Nations Health sector.
- Familiarity with Okanagan Nation culture and traditions and traditional wellness and healing practices.
- Experience in hosting focus groups and the application of data collection instruments.
- Energetic and self motivated with demonstrated written, oral and presentations skills.
- Working knowledge of computer software including MS office.
- A reliable vehicle and a valid class 5 driver's license.
- Criminal records check required.
- Willingness and ability to work flexible hours, which will include evenings and weekends.
- Aboriginal ancestry preferred.

**Hours:** Full Time - 37.5 hours per week.

**Application Procedures:** Please send a current resume and covering letter to:

**Holly Hutton, Wellness Program Assistant**

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Thank you for your interest, **No Phone Calls Please** only those short-listed will be contacted