



SIKSIKA MEDICINE LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Job Title:	Youth Addictions Counsellor	Posted Date:	May 1, 2018
Location:	SIKSIKA MEDICINE LODGE	Closing Date:	When position filled
		Position Type:	FULLTIME/CASUAL

POSITION SUMMARY

The Youth Addiction Counsellor is responsible to help facilitate personal, social and educational growth in young people in residence at the Siksika Medicine Lodge (SML) so that they may reach their full potential in society. They will be part of a cohesive team of clinical professionals that provide personal support to residents in the treatment and prevention of substance use and concurrent disorders. Youth Counsellors will provide direct goal-oriented assistance to the youth residents while ensuring their safety and being attentive and responsive to their needs. They will also commit to their own professional development by taking the initiative to pursue available training.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work collaboratively with other therapeutic professionals and team members to support and supervise youth clients
- Identify and meet client needs, requests and expectations in a respectful, helpful and responsive manner
- Establish supportive relationships and work effectively with youth clients
- Implement strategies such as planned daily activities, coordinated treatment interventions, structured environments, and organized recreational and social activities;
- Help youth identify personal strengths and resources for positive change;
- Help develop and maintain individual and group treatment programs;
- Respond effectively to acts of aggression and depressive, destructive or self-injurious behaviours;
- Act as a resource for clients and their families;
- Engage in behaviour management, safety and security programming for youth in residential treatment;
- Complete written documentation, as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate or Diploma in the field of social work, psychology, education, or human services AND three (3) years direct work experience or Bachelor's Degree in the field of social work, psychology, education, or human services AND one (1) year direct work experience
- Detailed knowledge of all current Microsoft Office software applications and programs
- Excellent communication skills, professional demeanor, sound judgment, and strong organizational skills
- Ability to understand the awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of youth and youth culture that SML serves
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nations culture and community life, a definite asset;
- Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Verification Check through CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre) system, required;
- Clear Intervention Record check, required;
- Valid Class 4 Drivers License

SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH QUALIFICATIONS

All applicants will be screened according to suitability. Only those considered for an interview will be contacted. Interested applicants please submit your resume with a cover letter, three (3) written job related letters of reference and a current Criminal Records Check & Intervention Check to:

Yvonne Olivier – Executive Director at the above address/fax or email info@siksikamedicinelodge.com