

JOB OPENING

INDIGENOUS MENTAL WELLNESS COUNSELOR & FACILITATOR (Male)

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The **METRO VANCOUVER INDIGENOUS SERVICES SOCIETY (MVISS)**, incorporated in December 2017, is a subsidiary of the Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council (MVAEC). Based in Vancouver, will serve Vancouver/ Richmond/ North Shore area. **All applicants must** be able to demonstrate they can provide culturally-based, trauma-informed practice. We offer a competitive salary; group benefits after probationary period, and relocation costs will be considered.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL:

- ✓ Have a Masters Degree in a related field (MSW/RSW; M.A. Psychology; M. Ed in Counseling, etc.) with minimum 3 years experience; or an Undergraduate Degree with minimum 5 years experience in Mental Wellness and Substance Use issues;
- ✓ Have strong capacity to lead and facilitate healing groups, including substantial writing of new and evolving programs, especially experience with Men's Healing Programs;
- ✓ Have a strong sense of your own Indigenous culture (and others) and be able to apply these strengths into the healing services being offered;
- ✓ Have done substantial personal healing to better connect with those seeking our support;
- ✓ Have a solid understanding of problematic substance use and the underlying root causes that contribute to these challenges;
- ✓ Be able to define trauma and how it manifests itself in Indigenous lives, while supporting strategies to heal from historical traumas;
- ✓ Apply your skills, education and experiences in a wide variety of approaches to facilitate healing and wellness, including group healing; 1-1 counseling; family counseling, etc.;
- ✓ Contribute positively to a healing environment;
- ✓ Experience managing caseloads, assessments, referrals, etc.
- ✓ Experience developing & delivering healing & psycho-educational type supports, such as on suicide prevention, substance use/misuse, anxiety and depression, historical trauma, grief and loss, child sexual abuse, lateral violence, grief & loss, Residential School impacts, etc.;
- ✓ Provide community engagement, outreach and capacity building exercises;
- ✓ Be competent in applying western-based & Indigenous healing approaches/methods;
- ✓ Assets include active involvement in recovery fellowships; counseling certifications, etc.

PLEASE PROVIDE:

- 1) **Cover letter in which you self-identify as Indigenous and how you meet qualifications.**
- 2) **Resume.**

Preferences will be given to Indigenous candidates, as the program model is centered in Indigenous healing approaches. **Apply to ceo@mvaec.ca Job open until filled. www.mviss.ca**