



IWK Health Centre

The leading health centre for children, infants, women and youth in Atlantic Canada, the IWK, located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, provides highly specialized pediatric, women's, newborn and child/youth mental health and addictions care for residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, PEI and beyond. The IWK also provides important primary care, is engaged in world-class research; promotes healthy lifestyles for families; and, as an academic health centre, trains the next generation of health professionals.

Clinical Psychologists - Youth Forensics
Regular Full-Time / Annual Salary: \$82,215 - \$102,769
Competition #: L-2013-1161

Currently the IWK has openings for several Forensically Trained Clinical Psychologists with experience working with youth in forensic mental health settings. Psychologists in these services focus on Forensic Mental Health Assessment for Youth Court as well as Forensic Rehabilitation Services.

This specialized interdisciplinary team offers assessment and treatment that is primarily geared to identifying and reducing risk factors for criminal activity, including psychosocial and mental health factors that impact upon risk to reoffend. The IWK offers a range of services under the umbrella of Youth Forensic Services that include:

youth court liaison service, intervention services dedicated to the community corrections, clinical case management, forensic rehabilitation for youth found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible, subspecialty services for youth who are sexually aggressive, a secure care unit providing assessment and rehabilitation, and clinical services delivered to incarcerated youth at the Nova Scotia Youth Facility in Waterville, Nova Scotia. While the focus of psychology is on youth court assessment, opportunities exist to work across the service continuum.

The mission of Youth Forensic Service is to provide evidence-based, best practice Health and Mental Health Services to youth and families involved in the criminal justice system. The Doctoral Psychologist is a member of an interdisciplinary team of service providers, which includes both master and doctoral prepared Psychologists, masters prepared Clinical Social Workers, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Community Support Workers, administrative support, and Psychiatry. The Psychologist's responsibilities include section 34 psychological assessments and evidence-based mental health treatment that is focused on reducing the risk of reoffending. Treatments include individual, group, and family interventions. Consultation with IWK Forensic colleagues and community service partners and providers is expected. Testifying in court is also expected when required.

The IWK Health Centre Predoctoral Residency Program in Pediatric and Child-Adolescent Psychology is both APA and CPA approved. All Psychologists at the IWK are expected to actively participate in training residents. Candidates for Psychology positions who have the appropriate credentials may be considered for academic adjunct appointment in an appropriate university department at Dalhousie University.

Further information about these appointments can be obtained from Arlene MacAskill,
arlene.macaskill@iwk.nshealth.ca.

Applicants are asked to include a copy of his/her curriculum vitae, pertinent scientific publications and three letters of recommendations from professionals attesting to the applicant's clinical training, clinical skills and character. For individuals with less than 3 years of experience, an additional letter must be

provided, from the Director of Clinical Training, at the institution where the applicant completed his/her clinical internship.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ph. D / PsyD Degree in Clinical Psychology from an accredited university program.
- Registered, or eligible to be registered, with the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology.
- Minimum five years of formal training and clinical experience in child/adolescent mental health.
- Minimum five years of formal training/clinical experience assessing risk for sexual and violent recidivism.
 - Demonstrated ability to treat a youth forensic population.
 - Demonstrated ability to consult with professional and para-professional staff.
- Ability to diagnose and formulate treatment protocols for a range of adolescent mental health problems.
 - Demonstrated ability to effectively consult with other health, social service and education agencies.
 - Demonstrated knowledge in the area of ecological intervention preferred.
 - Demonstrated ability to work well as part of an interdisciplinary team required.
 - Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills required.
 - Ability to participate in the clinical training activities of the Psychology Discipline.
 - Education, experience, or training in the related sub-specialty area preferred.
 - Competencies in other languages an asset; French preferred.

It is the responsibility of IWK employees to self identify as internal applicants. At the time of application submission, each applicant will be asked if they are a current IWK employee.

Successful Applicants are required to provide a criminal record check (including Vulnerable Sector Search) to Human Resources before starting employment and assume any associated costs as a condition of employment. In addition, proof of applicable education and registration is required as a condition of employment.

All application information submitted for this posting may be viewed by IWK Human Resources Employees, IWK Hiring Managers and/or their delegates. The information submitted will be retained in the CareerBeacon database, and the IWK may also store and retain application information on secure computers, or within locked filing systems for up to 5 years.