



Clinical Counsellor – Mental Wellness & Substance Use

Government of Yukon -> Health & Social Services – MWSU – Forensic Complex Care Unit

Location: Whitehorse, YT

Requisition: #15556

Salary: \$80,918 - \$93,486 per annum

Closing date: July 24, 2019

This is an until-filled competition which will be used to fill one (1) permanent full-time position working 75 hours biweekly. This competition may also be used to fill term, auxiliary on-call or positions of a similar nature.

Please note that applications will be assessed on a weekly basis, so candidates are encouraged not to delay submitting their application as this posting can close at any time with 24-hours posted notice.

The Forensic Complex Care Unit, in the Mental Wellness and Substance Use Branch within the Department of Health and Social Services, is part of the Yukon territorial mental health services continuum. In partnership with the Department of Justice, Whitehorse Correctional Services, this role is key to an integrated and responsive service delivery model.

As a Clinical Counsellor in Mental Wellness & Substance Use, you will be responsible for assisting the forensic team with developing and delivering therapeutic programs, conducting risk assessments, counselling youth and adults, and engaging in other activities such as case planning, training and education, and informing the court regarding risk to recidivate, treatment progress, and recommendations for risk management and protection of the public.

We are looking for an individual who can be part of a team that is passionate about forensics and keen to develop and administer a wide range of assessment and therapeutic services for youth and adult forensic clients.

For more information about this position, please contact: Craig Dempsey, Clinical Manager, at 867-667-3838 or craig.dempsey@gov.yk.ca.

For more information about the recruitment process, please contact: Deirdre Monaghan, HR Consultant, at 867-334-8165 or deirdre.monaghan@gov.yk.ca.

Essential Qualifications

Please submit your resume clearly demonstrating how you meet the following qualifications, along with a cover letter explaining why you are interested in applying for this position. Please be specific with how your work experiences and related duties align with the essential qualifications listed below.

- Master's degree in one of the following disciplines: Social Work, Criminology, Forensic

- or Clinical Psychology, or Education;
- Experience in assessing mental health and risk to recidivate, and formulating treatment plans for violent and sexually abusive youth and adults in a forensic setting;
- Experience in developing and delivering therapeutic programs to violent and sexually abusive youth and adults, and their families;
- Training on and/or experience in assessing and counselling youth and adults who commit violent and sexual offences; and
- Licence to practise in a Canadian Jurisdiction, an asset.

Candidates who have a combination of education, training and/or experience equivalent to the essential qualifications listed above will be equally considered.

Desired Knowledge, Skills and Suitability

- Knowledge in the dynamics of violent and sexually violent offending;
- Ability to engage with clients with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) and acquired brain injury as well as major mental health disorders;
- Ability to engage with, and provide individual, group and family counselling in a forensic setting to, youth and adults who commit violent and sexual offences;
- Knowledge related to child development, attachment and the effects of trauma on high-risk youth and adults who have committed violent and sexually violent offences;
- Ability to engage with a resistant client;
- Skills and knowledge in delivering family counselling and parenting groups to parents/caregivers of high-risk youth;
- Ability to provide testimony to the courts regarding risk to recidivate, treatment prognosis and the dynamics of violent and sexual offending behaviour;
- Strong written and oral communication skills, particularly as related to report writing, accurate documentation and case management; and
- Ability to partner with a range of internal and external stakeholders to deliver broader reaching therapeutic programs.

Conditions of Employment:

- TB Screening;
- Vulnerable Sector Security Clearance;
- Valid Class 5 Driver's Licence or equivalent;
- First Aid and CPR Level C completed within the previous year; and
- Verification of degree(s).

Job Requirements:

- Occasional summer and winter travel to remote communities;
- Willingness to work extended hours with limited notice, including some weekend or evening work; and
- Exposure to potentially emotional and/or violent clients.

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How to Apply

To apply for the position of Clinical Counsellor – Mental Wellness & Substance Use, and for full details on the requirements of the role, please visit: <http://employment.gov.yk.ca>.

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