

Forensic Psychologist

Forensic Psychiatric Hospital - Coquitlam, BC BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services

Are you a Clinical Psychologist with experience and a passion for working with individuals with complex mental health and behavioural needs? Join our team to make a difference in the lives of marginalized community members.

As a Forensic Psychologist with Forensic Psychiatric Services, you will provide individual and group psychological interventions for people ordered by the Court, certified under the Mental Health Act, or found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder under the Criminal Code of Canada.

What you'll do

- Conduct psychological and/or neuropsychological assessments on people ordered by the Court, certified under the Mental Health Act, or found unfit to stand trial or not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder under the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Provide individual and group psychological interventions, including behavioural care plans, for mentally disordered offenders, and demonstrate expertise in the treatment of psychiatrically ill accused persons, violent offenders, sexual offenders, or other specialized forensic psychology issues.
- Ensure initial and ongoing informed consent of the accused person; evaluate responses to treatment; determine levels of supervision appropriate to current functioning, risk factors, and indicators for further offending; consult with collaterals on issues of major concern; maintain appropriate medical records in the approved Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission format; and prepare progress and discharge reports as required.
- Participate in departmental/external meetings, in-services, and corporate initiatives by attending and/or leading meetings and providing relevant input to remain informed of departmental/practice activities and to contribute to the organization's initiatives.
- Provide specialized forensic psychological assessment, treatment, and consultation services via Telehealth/videoconferencing technology as-needed when deemed appropriate and face-to-face service provision is not feasible.
- Testify as an expert forensic witness in the Courts or the BC Review Board in support of psychological assessments.
- Direct Psychological Assistants and supervise clinical psychology interns or students.
- Serve on committees such as quality improvement and professional practice.
- Prepare comprehensive written psychological reports at a standard for submission to the Courts or the BC Review Board.
- Serve as a credible expert witness in the Courts or BC Review Board hearings.
- Participate in treatment planning conferences.
- You may also participate in related research, including assisting with study design, data collection and analysis as well as preparing research papers for publication and presentation.

What you bring

- A doctoral degree (PhD or PsyD) in Clinical Forensic Psychology or a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology (PhD or PsyD) WITH a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a forensic mental health context.
- Practicing clinical registration or eligibility for registration with the College of Psychologists of BC.
- One (1) year of direct, clinical experience performing diagnostic assessment and treatment of adults in a Forensic Mental Health setting including risk assessment, cognitive behavioral therapy or other relevant assessment and treatment modalities.

What's in it for you

Every PHSA employee enables the best possible patient care for our patients and their families. Whether you are providing direct care, conducting research, or making it possible for others to do their work, you impact the lives of British Columbians today and in the future. That's why we're focused on your care too – offering health, wellness, development programs to support you – at work and at home.

Join one of BC's largest employers with province-wide programs, services and operations – offering vast opportunities for growth and development.

- Access to more than 2,000 in-house training programs.
- Enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, including municipal pension plan.
- 12 annual statutory holidays with generous vacation entitlement and accrual.
- Perks include onsite fitness classes and discounts to 350 BC-wide recreational programs, travel, technology, car and bike sharing, and more.
- Extended workday schedule (4-day compressed work week) available for full-time psychologist positions.
- We offer a comprehensive compensation and benefits package, including four (4) weeks of vacation to start.
- Relocation assistance may be available.

What we do

BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services (BCMHSUS) bcmhsus.ca cares for people with complex mental health and substance use challenges.

The Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) plans, coordinates and evaluates specialized health services with the BC health authorities to provide equitable and cost-effective health care for people throughout the province. Our values reflect our commitment to excellence and include: Respect people – Be compassionate – Dare to innovate – Cultivate partnerships – Serve with purpose. Learn more about PHSA and our programs: jobs.phsa.ca/programs-and-services

PHSA is committed to employment equity and hires on the basis of merit, encouraging all qualified individuals to apply. We recognize that our ability to provide the best care for our diverse patient populations relies on a rich diversity of skills, knowledge, backgrounds and experiences, and value a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.