



UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MI'KMAQ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Health and Cultural Support Worker

Location: Membertou, Nova Scotia



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MENTAL WELLNESS TEAM

The Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Mental Wellness Team provides holistic wellness services to Mi'kmaq band members in Eastern Nova Scotia. The Health and Cultural Support Worker will be responsible for working with individuals and their families to provide wellness support related to their experiences with Indian Day Schools. They will also organize activities, events, and gatherings that promote healing and the celebration of Mi'kmaw culture.

Responsibilities of Position:

- Plan and facilitate community wellness activities and gatherings;
- Connect with community Elders and traditional knowledge holders and engage them in the delivery of healing services;
- Provide direct emotional and cultural support for clients;
- Assist clients in identifying their wellness needs and connecting with appropriate resources;
- Create and deliver educational resources that raise awareness about Indian Day Schools;
- Work with other professionals to develop a network of contacts and collaborative partnerships;
- Ensure confidentiality of client information, maintain data and records, engage in regular reporting;
- Professionally represent UNSM at meetings and other gatherings.

Key Skills:

- Proposal writing, and the ability to create and manage a budget;
- Well-organized, previous experience with event planning and facilitation;
- Effective presentation and program delivery skills;
- Knowledge of the history of Indian Day Schools and its impacts on First Nations peoples and communities;
- Recognizing the strength and resiliency of the Mi'kmaw people;
- Familiarity with Mi'kmaw organizations and communities;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills;
- Ability to work within a team and independently;
- Knowledge of Mi'kmaw cultural practices/ceremonies, land-based healing, and arts and crafts considered an asset;
- Speak fluent Mi'kmaq (an asset).

Qualifications:

- Bachelor level degree or college diploma in relevant health field or equivalent experience (please describe);
- At least two years' experience working with Indigenous communities and/or organizations required;
- Valid driver's license, automobile insurance, and access to reliable vehicle required;
- Proficient with computer software, including Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.

This is a full-time term position until March 31, 2022 with potential for renewal. Salary will be based on education, experience, and qualifications of the successful candidate.

Closing Date for Applications: Sunday, August 15th, 2021 at Midnight. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

**Please send your cover letter, resume, and a list of three professional references (names and contact info) to:
Rachel Paul-Coles at careers@unsm.org**

The successful applicant will be required to provide a Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check & Child Abuse Registry Check.

Only potential candidates considered will be contacted for interviews. Personal suitability will also be considered during the hiring process. UNSM hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply; however, qualified Aboriginal applicants will be given priority in accordance with the Aboriginal Employment Preference policy of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

Disclaimer:

The Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq reserves the right to refuse any and all applications for employment at any time during the hiring process.