The BC Cancer Agency is committed to reducing the incidence of cancer, reducing the mortality from cancer, and improving the quality of life of those living with cancer. BC Cancer Agency provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of British Columbia in partnership with regional health authorities to deliver a range of cancer services, which include prevention, screening and early detection, diagnosis and treatment, research, education, supportive care, rehabilitation and palliative care. It operates six regional cancer centres in Surrey, Kelowna, Vancouver, Victoria, Abbotsford and Prince George, along with two research centres that conduct research into the causes and cures for cancer.

BC Cancer Agency is an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) which plans, manages and evaluates specialty and province-wide health care services across BC. PHSA embodies values that reflect a commitment to excellence. These include: Patients first • Best value • Results matter • Excellence through knowledge • Open to possibilities.

Counsellor, Patient and Family Counselling Cancer Care
Reference # 24577
Casual / Relief
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Kelowna, BC

In accordance with the Mission, Vision and Values, and strategic directions of Provincial Health Services Authority patient safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone at PHSA, and as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position. Reporting to the Clinical Coordinator, Patient and Family Counselling, the Counsellor provides psychosocial support to cancer patients and their families. Receives day-to-day consultation and clinical case work supervision regarding psychosocial aspects of cancer management.

Example of Duties/Accountabilities

- Counsels patients and families concerning emotional and practical needs; helps with problems of advanced complexity; assumes leadership of group programs and development of groups to meet needs of patients and families.
- Provides consultation to other disciplines, interprets counselling role and works as a member of interdisciplinary team.
- Provides liaison with community agencies. Identifies patients' needs for services and makes appropriate referrals, or develops alternate strategies for patient support, education and follow-up care.
- Participates in planning and development of educational activities in the Centre and designated Communities Oncology and/or outreach programs such as in-service programs and clinical network meetings.
- Participates in the planning and development of department’s quality improvement program, (e.g. through input to the planning process).

Qualifications

- Master’s degree in a social sciences discipline relevant to the job from a recognized program, such as Social Work, Counselling Psychology, or Clinical Psychology.
- Minimum of two (2) years recent, related experience working in an interdisciplinary setting that includes experience with individual, marital, and family counselling group work, program and community development, and grief and loss counselling in a health care or oncology setting.
- Eligible for registration with designated professional regulatory body.
Skills and Abilities

- Interpersonal skills including the ability to communicate effectively with patient, families, staff and the public.
- Ability to work independently and co-operatively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to deal with others tactfully and with sensitivity.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.
- Ability to organize and prioritize work.
- Ability to operate related equipment.
- Ability to teach and supervise students.
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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PHSA is committed to employment equity and hires on the basis of merit. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals, including Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.