



## Concurrent Disorder Counsellor, Forensic Regional Clinic Services

*Opportunities in Kelowna, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver, and Victoria*

Use your counselling skills to improve the health of patients with challenging co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. In this role, you will:

- Work as part of an inter-professional health care team in one of the Forensic Regional Clinics in either Kelowna, Prince George, Surrey, Vancouver or Victoria; providing counselling services to clients with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
- Perform individual psychosocial assessments.
- Provide individual substance use and mental health counselling.
- Conduct group counselling sessions.
- Deliver psycho-educational group sessions.
- Plan, implement and assess individualized client treatment programs using a trauma-informed framework and culturally safe methods.

As the successful candidate, you will:

- Facilitate psycho-education and manualized substance use and mental health group treatment.
- Provide evidence-based, trauma-informed individualized substance use and mental health counselling.
- Participate in individualized treatment plans development and implementation.
- Enroll patients in support programs.
- Monitor systems to ensure client, staff, family and general public safety and take action as necessary.
- Develop and present seminars about substance use, concurrent disorder, mental illness, trauma and other related issues to clients in consultation with the inter-professional team and professional practice leaders. Participate in the orientation and continuing education of counselling and health care professions and students. Contribute information in rounds, committees and staff meetings.

### Qualifications

**You have a:**

- Master's Degree in an allied health discipline (counselling and/or social work) from an approved and accredited post-secondary institution.
- Three (3) years' of recent related clinical experience, including at least one (1) years' experience in a concurrent disorder program providing therapeutic individual and group counselling.
- Registered with a recognized professional body.

**You also have:**

- Comprehensive knowledge of substance dependence and concurrent disorders.
- Broad knowledge of psychopharmacology (indications and side-effects), trauma-informed practice, and chronic diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis C.
- Demonstrated skill in and experience with motivational interviewing/therapy and cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Broad knowledge of adult education principles, methods, and tools.
- Comprehensive knowledge of and experience in group dynamics, individual counselling, and family therapy.

**You have a demonstrated ability to:**

- Teach and coach clients.
- Communicate effectively orally, in writing and interpersonally and for public relations.
- Establish rapport with multi-barrier clients and a positive attitude toward clients with substance dependence and concurrent disorder.
- Collaborate on program evaluation.
- Work well as a member of an inter-professional team or independently.
- Adjust to new or unexpected events, problem solve, establish priorities, and deal effectively with conflict.

You can also have the physical ability to perform the duties of the job, and the ability to travel to other Forensic Regional Clinics as required.

**If this sounds like you, apply today!**

*Applicants will be accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, please contact Sheila Johnston, Advisor, Talent Acquisition – Clinical Services at 604-875-7154 or email [sheila.johnston@phsa.ca](mailto:sheila.johnston@phsa.ca)*

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We hire on the basis of merit and encourage all qualified applicants 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. We strive to create a safe and welcoming environment where everyone can come to work and be their best, authentic self.

- **\$33.59 to \$41.89 per hour**
- **Regular, Full-Time**
- **Monday to Friday; 8:30am to 4:30pm**