



Supporting the Future of Perinatal Health

BC Children's Hospital (BCCH) cares for the province's most acutely ill or injured children and youth, provides developmental and rehabilitation services to children and youth throughout BC, and offers a broad range of health services. Sunny Hill Health Centre for Children (SHHC), a leading provincial facility offering specialized services to children and youth with developmental disabilities from birth to age 19, works collaboratively with BCCH. SHHC focuses on the child and their family while supporting health care professionals in their community. BCCH also operates a wide number of specialized health programs, is a leading acute care teaching facility, and conducts research to advance health and care through the Child & Family Research Institute and in partnership with the University of British Columbia.

BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre (BCWH) is the only facility in British Columbia devoted primarily to the health of women, newborns and families. It provides a broad range of specialized women's health services that address the health needs of women of all ages and backgrounds. BC Women's is one of the largest maternity facilities in Canada, with over 7,000 births a year, and is both the major primary and secondary maternity services provider in the Lower Mainland and the cornerstone of the provincial tertiary care system. As an academic health centre BCWH's mandate includes providing strong leadership in research and the education and professional development of health care professionals in areas related to the health of the populations we serve.

BC Women's is an agency of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), which plans, manages and evaluates selected 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 • Improvements through knowledge • Open to possibilities.**

Aboriginal Patient Advocate

Specialized Women's Health

Temporary Part Time (3 months temporary position with an opportunity for extension)

Shift times: 1:00pm – 6:00pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday • Vancouver, British Columbia

Building and maintaining collaborative working relationships, you will provide day-to-day advocacy support and services to aboriginal patients and their families. As a point of contact, you will also attend medical rounds with Children's and Women's Health Centre care providers on request to assist/discuss the needs of aboriginal patients and their families, including Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) issues. Collaborating with the program team, you will help develop in-house education materials, deliver Cultural Awareness educational sessions for all C&W staff, and provide information and referrals to First Nation communities and Aboriginal organizations throughout BC.

You have a level of education, training and experience equivalent to a diploma in Health Care, Social Work, or relevant field with an extensive understanding of the health care system and two years of recent related experience working with Aboriginal communities in British Columbia. As well, you are thoroughly knowledgeable of urban health and social programs and services that target First Nations/Aboriginal people, including the Non-Insured Health Benefits and Medical Service Plan. Your track record in dealing with cultural issues complements your extensive knowledge of community-based Aboriginal organizations in British Columbia. You have experience with health issues, specifically with mental health, addiction and diseases that impact Aboriginal communities. As an effective communicator, you have strong skills in writing and conflict resolution. Proficient with computers, you know how to use word processing, spreadsheet and database programs.

We invite you to apply online for this position at <http://careers.phsa.ca> For more information on all that the PHSA has to offer, please visit our website.

Applications will be accepted until July 6, 2009.

For more information about the Agency that you are interested in, please visit the website at: www.bcwomens.ca or www.bcchildrens.ca

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

