Occupational Therapist, Forensic Psychiatry Program - 1 position	Posting #: 53485
Forensic Psychiatry Program	Posting Date: July 10, 2024
Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care - St. Thomas, ON	Submission Deadline: July 16, 2024
Temporary Full Time	Michelle Robertson, Human Resources
OPSEU Paramed	Salary Range: $40.36 - $56.30 /hour

Temporary employment anticipated to extend until March 31, 2025, subject to the availability of work.
Currently assigned to A1 Rehabilitation Readiness Unit. New graduates are welcome to apply!

The Forensic Psychiatry Program has adopted the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Model as its overarching philosophical framework. This philosophy is built on a set of principles and values that emphasize client and family involvement in decision making, client choice, the provision of a range of services to meet treatment, rehabilitation and support needs, and a commitment from mental health services professionals to achieving the best possible outcomes for clients based on their stated preferences, wishes, desires and life plans. As part of the forensic system, this must also be accomplished within the parameters defined by the Ontario Review Board within each patient's Disposition order. The Forensic Psychiatry Program is also highly invested in both education and research and has various connections with the University of Western Ontario.

An opportunity exists within Forensic Services for an Occupational Therapist to provide comprehensive assessment, treatment and rehabilitation to individuals with serious mental illness using the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation/client centered care within the context of an interdisciplinary team approach.

Essential Qualifications

- Knowledge of a Safety Culture in a Health Care Setting in compliance with the OHSA
- Valid registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- Demonstrated knowledge of major mental illness from a biopsychosocial perspective
- Knowledge, skills, and recent experience providing assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with serious mental illness
- Demonstrated knowledge of and experience in applying the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation and the practices of case management
- Knowledge of psychotropic medications, symptom management, and community resources
- Knowledge of the Mental Health Act and other relevant legislation
- Excellent communication skills; both written and verbal
- Excellent organizational, time management, critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Must be capable of establishing positive interpersonal relationships and able to work as an effective team member
- Demonstrated experience using a patient centered approach
- Self-directed, self-motivated to accomplish specified outcomes
- Demonstrated commitment to evidence-based practice
- Knowledge of and ability to mobilize community resources
- Experience in the development of teaching materials and the teaching of clients, family, and caregivers
- Working knowledge and experience with theories and principles of guiding adult learning and patient self management approaches
- Proven flexibility and a high level of initiative
- Familiarity with outcome measurement related to clinical practice

- Flexibility in adapting to varying caseload needs
- Knowledge of computer systems (e.g. workload measurement, Cerner, Outlook, Microsoft Office)
- Travel within the catchment area is required

Preferred Qualifications

- Proficiency in French would be an asset
- Assistive Devices Program (ADP) Authorizer
- Minimum of 2 years full time related experience as an Occupational Therapist
- Experience in both hospital and community service delivery
- Demonstrated interest and/or experience in research communication and program evaluation
- Demonstrated ability to work with and direct support personnel

Teaching and Research

- St Joseph's Health Care London through its affiliation with Western University and Fanshawe College is a leading research and teaching hospital. As an employee of St Joseph's, you will be expected to engage in role related teaching and research activities in addition to any of your clinical duties

Immunization Requirements

- Provide documentation you have received two doses of the Covid-19 vaccine (primary series, boosters and/or XBB) OR one dose of XBB vaccine at least 14 days prior to the start date.
- Provide vaccination records or proof of immunity against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella (chicken pox)
- Provide documentation of the Tuberculosis skin testing
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