



Occupational Therapist, Forensic Outreach - 1 position	Posting #: 54757
Forensic Outreach	Posting Date: April 08, 2025
Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care - St. Thomas, ON	Submission Deadline: April 14, 2025
Full Time	Michelle Robertson, Human Resources
OPSEU Paramed	Salary Range: \$40.36 - \$56.30 /hour

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 service 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 Outreach for an Occupational Therapist to provide comprehensive assessment, treatment and rehabilitation to individuals with serious mental illness using the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation within the context of an interdisciplinary team approach. This OT will act in a community liaison capacity to bridge patient transitions from inpatient care to the community and at key transition points in the patient's community re-integration. The role will support successful transitions through ensuring fulsome functional assessments are completed, community environments are matched to patient needs and appropriate linkages are made with resources across the region. This role will have a primary focus around vocational needs of both our inpatient and outpatient population. Supporting patients more in their productivity goals, including education, employment and volunteering. This OT also provides oversight to the occupational therapy assistant (OTA) associated with our vocational program.

Essential Qualifications

- Valid registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- Valid driver's license, adequate insurance and use of vehicle required
- Experience working in a forensic setting with patients under the jurisdiction of the ORB
- Excellent theoretical knowledge and practical skills in forensic psychiatry and community consultation
- Excellent knowledge and experience in risk assessment and risk mitigation
- Knowledge of a Safety Culture in a Health Care Setting in compliance with the OHSA
- Ability and commitment to act as a supervisor under OHSA
- Knowledge of, and ability to liaise with and mobilize community resources including housing, vocational and recreational supports/services
- 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
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated ability in conflict resolution and crisis intervention
- Knowledge of Mental Health and Judicial systems and related legislation
- Knowledge of behavioural assessment and intervention
- Familiarity with standardized risk assessment tools
- Ability to travel across the Southwest Region and work in various settings/environments

- Basic computer knowledge and skill (e.g. Microsoft 365)
- Ability to foster collegial relationships within the program's interdisciplinary teams
- Ability to foster collegial relationships with community partners
- Ability to work effectively with minimal supervision
- Commitment to continuous learning and development
- Proven flexibility and a high level of initiative
- Familiarity with outcome measurement related to clinical practice
- Flexibility in adapting to varying caseload needs

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 completing Vocational Assessment and Intervention
- 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 vaccination records or proof of immunity against measles, mumps rubella, varicella (chicken pox), Hepatitis B, COVID-19 and influenza.
- Provide documentation of the Tuberculosis skin testing

Your interest in this opportunity is appreciated.

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Only those under consideration will be contacted.*