



Occupational Therapist, Forensic Outreach - 1 position	Posting #: 55296
Forensic Outreach	Posting Date: July 16, 2025
Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care - St. Thomas, ON	Submission Deadline: July 22, 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.

Reporting to the forensic program manager, this individual will work with the Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care (SWC) and St. Leonard's Community Services London (SCSL) to provide occupational therapy services within the community-based programs. This OT will support Clarke Centre, the Forensic Supported Housing Program as well as other community housing programs that support the successful reintegration of forensic patients into the community. Key partnerships will be with the SWC inpatient and outreach teams, forensic transitional case manager and the SCSL clinical team.

Essential Qualifications

- Current registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- 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
- 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, Microsoft Office)
- Valid Ontario Driver's license and access to a reliable, insured vehicle as extensive travel may be required throughout Southwestern Ontario

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 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.*