



Occupational Therapist, Forensic Psychiatric Services, Enhanced Care Housing Project, BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services – Surrey, BC

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Join our new multi-disciplinary team of passionate and committed professionals working to support clients with complex mental health issues and/or substance use disorders, and have come into contact with the law. This Occupational Therapist position will support the Enhanced Care Housing Project.

The Enhanced Care Housing Project supports clients found not criminally responsible or unfit to stand trial due to a mental disorder as they transition out of the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital and into the Community Transitional Care (CTC) housing program located on the səmiqʷəʔelə lands (former Riverview Hospital Lands, Coquitlam). The CTC program provides recovery and rehabilitation services to facilitate a safe and successful transition and reintegration of forensic patients into the community.

This position will be temporarily based out of the Surrey Forensic Regional Clinic; but will later transition permanently to the səmiqʷəʔelə lands.

This role is ideally suited to a person who enjoys supporting clients to achieve success with reintegration in their community, working in a team environment, solving problems, and working collaboratively with partners. This person must be committed to upholding the shared responsibility of creating lasting and meaningful reconciliation in Canada as per TRC (2015) and DRIPA (2019).

What you'll do

- Provides Occupational Therapy and participates in program development, and provides assessment and treatment in accordance with established standards to promote self-care, productivity and constructive use of leisure time by performing duties such as assessing needs, planning, implementing and evaluating treatment programs to an individual client or group of client(s)/patient(s) in various environments.
- Documents information including relevant clinical data, assessments, treatment plans, progress reports and outcomes.
- Participates in interdisciplinary groups and/or teams including members such as physicians and nursing staff by performing duties such as providing clinical input and suggestions related to the management of the referred client or group of clients/patients to ensure that high quality care is delivered.
- Assists clients and families to obtain specific equipment to meet the individual needs of the client by performing duties such as communicating both verbally and in writing with agencies regarding the specific needs of the client/patient and requesting funding and liaising with suppliers regarding equipment needs.
- Maintains communication with clients/patients and families and/or caregivers in order to foster optimal progress for the client/patient through methods such as establishing and maintaining supportive, collaborative and therapeutic relationships. Participates on professional committees/teams and provides services to designated programs through methods such as attending meetings, providing written/verbal reports regarding referred clients/patients and to facilitate the resolution of issues and advocate for the goals and objectives of clients/patients.

What you bring

Education, Training and Experience

- Graduation from a recognized university with an approved program in Occupational Therapy.
- Two (2) years' recent, related experience working in a psychiatric setting with individuals who have complex mental health and addictions issues or equivalent.
- Current full registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia (COTBC).
- Eligible for membership in the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT) of the British Columbia Society of Occupational Therapists (BCSOT).
- Class 5 Driver's License

Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of the principles of recovery in mental illness.
- Knowledge of Psychosocial Rehabilitation methodology.
- Knowledge of the Mental Health Act and the Criminal Code of Canada as it applies to the rights and obligations of forensic psychiatric clients and staff.
- Knowledge of community, social and mental health resources.
- Ability to identify emotional, social, or environmental barriers and intervene to eliminate stigma.
- Ability to effectively manage conflict situations and aggressive behaviour and use non-violent crisis intervention and behavioural management techniques.

What we bring

Every PHSA employee enables the best possible patient care for our patients and their families. Whether you are providing direct care, conducting research, or making it possible for others to do their work, you impact the lives of British Columbians today and in the future. That's why we're focused on your care too – offering health, wellness, development programs to support you – at work and at home.

- Join one of BC's largest employers with province-wide programs, services and operations – offering vast opportunities for growth, development, and recognition programs that honour the commitment and contribution of all employees.
- Access to professional development opportunities through our in-house training programs, including +2,000 courses, such as our San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training course, or Core Linx for Leadership roles.
- Enjoy a comprehensive benefits package, including municipal pension plan, and psychological health & safety programs and holistic wellness resources.
- Annual statutory holidays (13) with generous vacation entitlement and accrualment.
- PHSA is a remote work friendly employer, welcoming flexible work options to support our people (eligibility may vary, depending on position).
- Access to WorkPerks, a premium discount program offering a wide range of local and national discounts on electronics, entertainment, dining, travel, wellness, apparel, and more.

Job Type: Regular, Full-time (1.00 FTE)

Wage: \$37.24 – \$46.39 per hour.

Location: 10022 King George Highway, Surrey V3T 2W4

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday; 0830-1630

Requisition #137245

As per the current Public Health Order, full vaccination against COVID-19 is a condition of employment with PHSA as of October 26, 2021.

What we do

[BC Mental Health & Substance Use Services](#) (BCMHSUS) cares for people with complex mental health and substance use challenges.

BCMHSUS is part of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA).

The Provincial Health Services Authority ([PHSA](#)) plans, manages and evaluates specialized health services with the BC health authorities to provide equitable and cost-effective health care for people throughout the province. Our values reflect our commitment to excellence and include: Respect people – Be compassionate – Dare to innovate – Cultivate partnerships – Serve with purpose.

Learn more about PHSA and our programs: jobs.phsa.ca/programs-and-services

PHSA and BCMHSUS are committed to employment equity, encouraging all qualified individuals 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, background and experience, and value a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment.

Reconciliation is an ongoing process and a shared responsibility for all of us. The BC Governments' unanimous passage of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act was a significant step forward in this journey—one that all health authorities are expected to support as we work in cooperation with Indigenous Peoples to establish a clear and sustainable path to lasting reconciliation. True reconciliation will take time and ongoing commitment to work with Indigenous Peoples as they move toward self-determination. Guiding these efforts Crown agencies must remain focused on creating opportunities that implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Mandate.

ATTN: PHSA Employees:

To be considered as a PHSA employee (internal applicant) for this position, **you must apply online via your internal profile at <http://internaljobs.phsa.ca>**

Please note the internal job posting will no longer be accessible after the expiry date of **December 11, 2022**. If the internal job posting has expired, please contact the Internal Jobs Help Desk and advise that you would like to be considered as a late internal applicant for this position. **Please do not apply for the external job posting.**

If you have not registered your internal profile, a password is required to log in for the first time. To obtain your password, please contact the **Internal Jobs Help Desk at 604-875-7264 or 1-855-875-7264**. Please note regular business hours are Monday – Friday (excluding stats), 8:30am to 4:30pm. For inquiries outside of regular business hours, please email the Internal Jobs Help Desk at internaljobshelpu@phsa.ca and a Help Desk Representative will contact you the next business day.

Labor Agreement	Health Science Professionals
Requisition #	137245E-2390218
Work Site	10022 King George Highway, Surrey BC V3T 2W4
Job Type	Regular, Full-Time
Salary/Rate	\$37.24 - \$46.39 / Hour
FTE	1.00
Hours of Work	08:30-16:30
Work Days	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri
Expiry Date	30-Dec-2022