

# Pathways to Housing Program--Edmonton

## Occupational Therapist – Life Skills Specialist on ACT Team

### **Summary Profile**

Radius Community Health and Healing's Pathways to Housing Program in Edmonton ends homelessness for people who suffer from serious, persistent mental illness (such as schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder), usually co-occurring with addictions and medical and social problems, by:

- providing access to permanent independent housing without requiring treatment or sobriety as a precondition for housing; and
- providing outreach community support and treatment with a philosophy that is founded in the principles of consumer choice and harm reduction, using both evidence-based Best Practices and innovative approaches.

You would be part of an inter-disciplinary Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team that:

- provides comprehensive wrap-around treatment, support and rehabilitation/recovery services;
- uses a team case management model to form treatment/recovery plans as a team, using a person-centred approach;
- spends half of their time providing generalized supports that may not be part of their professional discipline, such as providing assistance with housing, life skills and tasks of daily living.

In addition, in the particular role of Life Skills Specialist on the Team, you would be responsible for:

- planning, developing and evaluating life skills development programs for Clients;
- providing supports to Clients to assist them in developing skills required to live independently and to engage in meaningful daily activity, and coaching other members of the team to provide those supports;
- assisting Clients to access necessary adaptive equipment;
- supporting the intake process, to assess potential Clients' capacity to live independently using ACLS and other assessments; and
- undertaking assessments with Clients, such as home safety assessments.

This is a permanent, full-time position. Regular hours of work are 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday. However, some flexibility around actual work hours is required, and each Team Member is on 24/7 on-call, approximately 7-8 weeks per year. There is a lot of driving involved in the position, so you must have a valid driver's license and use of a reliable personal vehicle.

Salary Range: \$68, 909 to \$92, 345 (\$35.34 to \$47.36 per hour). Comprehensive benefits package.

## **Qualification Requirements**

- Ability to be registered as an Occupational Therapist in Alberta.
- Experience in one or more of following areas:
  - acute psychiatry and crisis intervention/emergency services;
  - mental health services in a community treatment setting;
  - Assertive Community Treatment;
  - working in addictions, concurrent disorders and/or Housing First; and/or
  - providing outreach services in a 'street/inner city/chronic homelessness' environment or equivalent.
- Knowledge of best practices in
  - working with people with complex co-occurring serious mental illness, addiction and medical issues;
  - client centered, strength-based and trauma focused recovery treatments/rehabilitation strategies;
  - Housing First/Pathway to Housing models; and
  - Harm Reduction philosophy.
- Successful experience in inter-disciplinary teamwork.
- Experience in networking with other services and stakeholders.
- Knowledge and experience in integrating cultural contexts into practice and service delivery.
- Responsible, organized and efficient; solid communication/literacy skills (written, oral, computer/technology)
- A continuous learner
- Required: Valid driver's license (non-GDL) and use of personal car and physical capacity to perform job duties (including climbing stairs, carrying groceries, etc.)

Please note the following will be required for this position: Police Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check; Child Welfare Intervention Check; valid Class 5 Driver's License (non GDL) and appropriate vehicle insurance; and Standard First Aid and CPR.

Please apply by October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with a resume and cover letter via email only to:

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