Are you looking for a new part-time work opportunity?

This position may be of interest to you!

CCPA Lead, Indigenous Initiatives

The CCPA Lead, Indigenous Initiatives is a subject matter expert in Indigenous mental health and the field of counselling and psychotherapy. They are an Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) Person who amplifies and advises on issues that impact Indigenous counsellors, psychotherapists, clients, families, and communities.

They will propose, develop, and/or implement initiatives (e.g. advocacy, policy, research, professional development) to address these issues. They will engage and build meaningful relations with stakeholders, both internal (CCPA staff, volunteers, members) and external (elected officials, government officials, like-minded organizations, communities), to advance CCPA’s mandate as it pertains to truth and reconciliation, decolonization, cultural competence and allyship.

The successful candidate will have relevant subject matter expertise, including fluency in issues relating to decolonization, Indigenous healing and medicines, trauma, crisis intervention, histories of colonization, and traditional practices.
The Lead, Indigenous Initiatives reports to the CCPA Manager, Communications and Partnerships. The CCPA National Indigenous Director, Indigenous Circle Chapter and Social Justice Chapter Executives and the Indigenous CEC Review Panel are available in community, for consultation and collaboration.

Duties:

- Build and maintain meaningful relationships with internal and external stakeholders, particularly with respect to Indigenous-related topics/areas within CCPA’s mandate, policies and practices.
- Research, recommend, develop, and/or execute strategies and initiatives that support the direction set by the CCPA National Board of Directors specific to truth and reconciliation, decolonization, cultural competence, and allyship.
- Coordinate government, media and stakeholder meaningful relations specific to Indigenous-related initiatives and advocacy efforts.
- Support the CCPA Board of Directors, Committees, Chapters, CEO and staff on matters related to Indigenous initiatives and stakeholder engagement, including responding to member queries.
- Liaise, consult and collaborate with the CCPA National Indigenous Director, the Indigenous Circle Chapter, the Social Justice Chapter and the Indigenous CEC Review Panel, as needed.
- Act as a spokesperson for CCPA, as requested.
- Support the CCPA National Office staff in building and living cultural understanding, competence and humility.
- Collaborate with the CCPA Director of Public Affairs to shape public and political dialogue in a way that raises the profile of counselling and psychotherapy in Canada, specifically in the area of Indigenous mental health, and upholds a positive image of CCPA as a leader in the counselling and psychotherapy field.
- Collaborate with other members of the Communications and Partnerships Division on Indigenous-related campaigns and initiatives and assist them with keeping CCPA’s website and social media platforms up to date.
- Other duties, as required.

Requirements:

- A minimum of a Master’s degree in counselling or a related field and a professional certification (i.e. CCC) or license (i.e. RP, RCT, LCT, QC psychotherapy permit) in counselling/psychotherapy;
- Minimum of three years of experience working with Indigenous Peoples, communities and contexts in a mental health care capacity;
- Subject matter expertise in historical and contemporary contexts and Indigenous mental health including fluency in issues relating to decolonization, Indigenous healing and medicines, trauma, crisis intervention, histories of colonization, and traditional practices;
- Thorough knowledge of the impacts of residential schools, Sixties Scoop and intergenerational trauma, and the resulting family violence, abuse, addiction, and other issues on individuals, families, and communities.
- Awareness and lived experience of the strengths, resilience, and resources within Indigenous communities;
- Understanding the needs of the diverse community of Indigenous counsellors and psychotherapists in Canada;
- Sound knowledge and understanding of issues impacting mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health;
- Ability to work as an engaged and effective member of a team;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills; and,
- Strong organization, administration and online/computer skills.

**Specifications:**

The CCPA Lead, Indigenous Initiatives will be an Indigenous *(First Nations, Inuit or Métis)* Person. *Please self-identify in your application.*

**Language:** Fluency in English is required. Fluency in French and/or fluency in Indigenous languages are assets.

**Hours of Work:** 20 - 25 hours per week (negotiable)

**Compensation:** $30 - $35 per hour (commensurate with qualifications and experience)

**Duration:** one year contract from start date (with the possibility of an extension)

**Location:** CCPA National Office, 202 – 245 Menten Place, Ottawa *

*CCPA National Office staff are currently working remotely due to Covid-19 restrictions. Once provincial health authorities deem it safe to return to work, this position will be located at National Office in Ottawa.

**Interested?**

Click on apply below to open an email and send your resumé and cover letter by **July 12, 2021**.

**Questions?**

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