

Community Health Worker or Community Health Nurse

Full Time - Fixed Term to end Aug 2011

“Leaders of primary health to diverse communities through partnership and innovation.”

The Western Region Health Centre provides a range of health and community support services and are committed to innovation and quality in all we do.

Health Works, a program of the Western Region Health Centre aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people who inject drugs in the western suburbs of Melbourne. The service provides a range of programs including:

- a needle and syringe program which provides users with clean injecting equipment,
- a drug safety worker who provides education and health promotion activities for the injecting community,
- a Cambodian, Lao and Vietnamese worker who works with these communities to foster a greater understanding of harm reduction,
- a community education worker who raises harm reduction issues with the broader community,
- a dual diagnosis project that is focused on improving the capacity of Health Works to meet the needs of this client group,
- a health care team, who provide holistic health services to people who inject drugs.

We are seeking a committed and experienced individual to undertake the role of Community Health Nurse or Community Health Worker in the Health Care Team. The successful applicant will have experience in working within a multidisciplinary team, ideally in a complex health setting. You will have a working knowledge of the social model of health, STI's, hepatitis C and HIV management. Ideally you will have experience working within a community setting or harm reduction model. You will also have a solid understanding of the clinical and psychosocial health issues affecting people who inject drugs.

Community Health Worker

The Community Health Worker will operate as a member of the Health Care Team providing the delivery of clinical (including first aid and pre and post test counselling for blood borne viruses) and non-clinical primary health care services, including health promotion/education programs to people who inject drugs. Staff work as a team to address the needs of clients.

Community Health Nurse

The Community Health Nurse will operate as a member of the Health Care Team (HCT), providing clinical and non-clinical primary health and psychosocial interventions, health counselling and health promotion/education programs, individually or in groups, for people who are injecting drugs.

Wages and conditions: (Comm. Health Worker) SACS Award Class 2B Year 3 or (Comm. Health Nurse) Victorian Nurses Award - Grade 3B Year 1. Attractive salary packaging is available.

For a position description please check our website www.wrhc.com.au or phone Lauren Wellington, HR Officer on 9680 1139.

Applications must be sent in by Friday 4th February 2011 and include:

- current resume
- covering letter
- a separate response to the Key Selection Criteria (located within the position description) - please note that applications will not be considered without this

Applications to be sent to: Bernadette Suter, Program Manager via email to jobs@wrhc.com.au

A pre-employment criminal record check is mandatory.

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