



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Tuberculosis (TB) Case Manager (RN/RPN)	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	80057
CLASSIFICATION:	Community Health - Profile Classification - Level 4	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	NL4
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Nurses Bargaining Association	HSCIS NO.:	25002
UNION:	BCNU	JOB/CLASS CODE:	80057
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	CMHO/TB Clinic	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	VIHA		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, patient safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone at VIHA; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

The VIHA TB Clinic provides leadership in tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control through the provision of expert consultation services and activities related to the surveillance, detection, prevention and treatment of TB and related diseases.

Under the supervision of the Manager or designate, and in collaboration with the TB Clinic Medical Director, the TB Case Manager acts as a consultant on TB prevention and control, providing formal advice to other nursing staff and health care professionals. The TB Case Manager is responsible for the provision of assessment, counseling and consultation to individuals and their families. The TB Case Manager supervises TB Clinic nursing activities and works cooperatively with other professional staff and agencies to increase health expectancy and quality of life.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Serve as a TB prevention and control consultant for health professionals on Vancouver Island including physicians, public health/homecare/hospital/liaison and street nurses, infection control/occupational health practitioners, licensing officers, nursing instructors, pharmacists, and others. Conduct and present research in order to develop/support/revise TB prevention and control policy/procedures both internal to VIHA and for affiliated agencies.
2. In cooperation with the MHO and/or TB Clinic Physician and/or Division of TB Control, coordinate care plans and oversee treatment regimens of individuals diagnosed with active TB disease, latent TB infection or atypical Mycobacterium disease. Provide specialized counseling/teaching to clients exposed to, under investigation for, or diagnosed with TB. Coordinate and conduct TB contact investigations. Identify and respond to the need for enhanced TB screening activities/resources in at-risk groups in collaboration with the appropriate community agencies. Advocate for clients from vulnerable, at-risk populations such as the inner city/street community, the foreign-born, and people of First Nations ancestry. Compile and report clinic activity data and local TB epidemiology on an annual and as needed basis.
3. Facilitate the TB & Tuberculin Skin Testing Workshop (as designed by BCCDC TB Control) upon request from health care professional groups in VIHA South, Central and North Island.
4. Develop-obtain/maintain a diverse and culturally appropriate collection of TB educational resources.
5. Represent the VIHA TB Clinic on key committees, at professional gatherings and during TB awareness/health promotion events.

6. Train and supervise/support nurses and other health care professionals to whom TB prevention and control activities have been delegated.
7. Train, supervise/support and schedule the TB Screening nursing staff of the VIHA TB Clinic.
7. Assign responsibility for patient care to nursing staff as appropriate.
8. Identify need for enhanced training of nursing staff and organize and/or facilitate training sessions as needed.
9. Manage clinic resources such as stock supply medications, biologicals, and other medical supplies necessary for day-to-day operations of the clinic.
10. Provide direction to administrative support staff in regard to clinic operations as appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Graduation from a recognized nursing program including community health nursing. Registration with BC College of Nurses and Midwives as a practicing RN registrant or a practicing RPN registrant. Licensed to practice nursing in British Columbia under the Health Professionals Act. Three to 5 years work experience in a TB Control program or equivalent, and previous experience working with vulnerable populations. Current CPR level BLS-C (Basic 1) certificate. Valid BC driver's license (incumbents may be required to use their own vehicle on a compensation for mileage basis)

Skills And Abilities

- Proficiency in use of the TB module of iPHIS (Public Health Information System)
- Excellent communication skills and ability to interact effectively with professional staff, children, youth and families, and public.
- Ability to organize and coordinate own work schedule and to follow relevant law, regulations and agency policies.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team is essential to this role.
- Ability to deliver empathetic/non-judgmental care and to relate well with people from a wide variety of socio-economic and cultural environments.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the job.