



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Clinical Psychologist - Pain Clinic	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60409/P.CI.54200.002
CLASSIFICATION:	Psychologist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-O-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	54301
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	54301
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Post-Surgical Program	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Manager or designate		
FACILITY/SITE:	Various VIHA sites: SI (Royal Jubilee Hospital), CI (Nanaimo Regional General Hospital)		

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.

Reporting to the Manager or designate and working as part of an interdisciplinary team. Provides consultations, assessments, group and individual therapy in the complex pain intervention/management program using a variety of modalities and in accordance with professional standards and clinical policies and practices.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides individual clinical assessment and short-term psychological treatment for patients with complex pain. Group treatment, both education and therapy, will be part of the responsibility. Participates in research and evaluation activities. Participates and contributes to weekly multidisciplinary rounds.
2. Documents information including relevant clinical data, assessment information, treatment plans, and progress reports in accordance with established policies, standards and procedures.
3. May be asked to supervise graduate students in psychology.
4. Maintains and updates knowledge in complex pain management, mental health, and addictions through methods such as reviewing literature, communication with other professionals and attendance at relevant education programs in order to contribute to continuing improvement of care.
5. Participates in the short and long-term planning for the Regional Pain Program as a member of the interdisciplinary team through methods such as evaluating the effectiveness of treatment within the services, identifying opportunities for change and formulating recommendations to ensure optimal outcomes are met.
6. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Current licensure in a practicing category with the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC as a Psychologist. Experience in complex pain management or a related field preferred. Experience with short-term individual and group therapy required. Knowledge of and experience with treatment specific to crisis stabilization an asset. Driver's license valid in BC.

Skills And Abilities

- Knowledge of the interactions between pain, addictions and mental disorders.
- Knowledge of complex pain assessment tools, MMPI and BPI.
- Exercise sound judgment, decision-making and problem solving.
- Ability to work effectively as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability to plan and organize workload and establish priorities.
- Knowledge of community dynamics, agencies and resources.
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.
- Knowledge of non-violent crisis intervention.
- Ability to deal effectively with wide range of community and facility contacts.