Community Health Support Worker

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<th>Position:</th>
<th>Community Health Support Worker - Loewen Health Internship</th>
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<td>Location:</td>
<td>2131 Gottingen Street, 5th Floor, Halifax, NS B3K 5Z7</td>
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<td>Hours:</td>
<td>Approximately 37.5 hours per week – flexibility on hours of work required due to the nature of the position.</td>
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<td>Duration:</td>
<td>12-14 weeks</td>
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The Loewen Internship was created by Mount Allison University’s Chancellor, Lynn Loewen. The placement for a Mount Allison student will be at the North End Community Health Centre (NECHC) in Halifax, NS in 2019.

The NECHC was created in 1971 to meet the needs of the residents of Halifax’s North End. Today, it is the largest non-profit Community Health Centre in Nova Scotia with a staff of over fifty people. The Centre provides primary care, outreach and health promotion and prevention programs using a collaborative and multidiscipline team. The NECHC serves one of the most diverse neighbourhoods in Halifax. The NECHC values collaboration, collegiality, teamwork, accountability, continuous quality improvement and respect for diversity. To learn more about NECHC, please visit nechc.com.

The Community Health Support Worker will work as part of the primary health team under the supervision of our Social Worker. The role of the Community Health Support Worker will be to support clients of NECHC in the community.

Responsibilities:
- Accompanying clients to medical appointments outside of the clinic.
- Support clients with system navigation, including advocacy with income assistance, housing, and health.
- Meeting clients in their home for wellness checks.
- Helping with the Good Food Box Program.
- Working collaboratively with other agencies.
- Prioritizing workload in a fast paced environment.
- Making referrals within NECHC, including to social work and programs.
- Keeping up to date case notes.
- Working with other collaborative health team members to help support client care plans.
- Daily contact with supervisor, including morning team meetings.

Qualifications:
- A senior student in fields of social work, nursing, occupational therapy or community development preferred.
- A valid driver’s license would be an asset, but not required.
- A person of Indigenous or African Nova Scotian descent, and/or an individual from the North End of Halifax would be considered an asset.
Special Knowledge and Skills:

- Ability to be non-judgmental and work from a client-centered approach.
- Understanding of anti-oppressive work.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office).
- A team player.
- Confidence working independently and in the community.
- Comfort in asking for help or seeking guidance.
- Experience advocating in large systems, such as income assistance or housing is an asset.

Successful applicants will be required to provide a criminal record check (including Vulnerable Sector Search) at their own cost.

Does this sound like you? Are you excited to kick start a future career in health services? If yes, please apply with a resume and a cover letter outlining your interest and future career aspirations and how a role like this might help you achieve your goals. Your application should be sent as a single .pdf file to careers@mta.ca by January 31.