

## Spiritual Care Clinician – Stratford (Temporary Part Time)

### The Opportunity:

As a member of the Hospice Palliative Outreach Team, the Spiritual Care Clinician is concerned with the psychological, emotional and spiritual well-being of the persons who are dying, and their families, as they deal with issues of self-esteem, adaptation to the illness and its consequences, social function and relationships, communication, and spiritual suffering. Assisting and supporting conversations essential for end-of-life, decision-making is included in this role. This position reports to the Huron Perth Hospice Palliative Outreach Manager.

The Huron Perth Hospice Palliative Outreach Team is a secondary level consult team that works in partnership with primary care providers (nurses, physicians, etc.) to provide support and consultation in symptom management including psychosocial and spiritual aspects to care.

The Hospice Palliative Outreach Team supports primary care providers to support their patient in their communities, prevent avoidable hospital or emergency visits and to help meet the care needs of the individual and their family as their illness progresses.

### The Outreach Team Members:

- Collaborate in the assessments and management of individuals and families requiring hospice palliative care. This may include direct patient contact or consultation support to health care providers and team members.
- Coordinates educational programs in collaboration with the team.
- Provides leadership in the evaluation of individual and family outcomes.
- Contributes to the knowledge of the team, sharing expertise and current evidence informed practices and information.

### What Can I Expect To Do?

As a Spiritual Care Clinician, you will:

- Establish and maintain effective relationships with patients, service providers and other partners to deliver the highest quality patient care.
- Act as a spokesperson as required, and interpret the role of the LHIN to patients, health care professionals and to the public. Ensure positive public relations and effective co-ordination of services across sectors through ongoing liaison and participation on internal and external committees.
- Answer any questions or concerns of the patient and caregiver and provide LHIN VIP phone number for support.

**Location:** This position is located within Huron Perth region.

## How Do I Qualify?

### Education:

- Degree in one of the following: Social Work, Ministry and Spirituality, Theology, or equivalent. Masters Degree preferred.
- Proven knowledge of hospice palliative care is a requirement, as well as a certificate in the Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care or the commitment to obtain

### Experience:

- At least 3 to 5 years experience in hospice palliative care.
- Extensive experience supporting individuals and families facing life-threatening illness, as well as providing bereavement support.

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Demonstrated knowledge and respect of other faiths and traditions while using sound theological, assessment and reflective skills
- Basic knowledge of South West LHIN business strategies, objectives, priorities and programs, and related Patient Care priorities and plans
- Knowledge of the evolving role of LHINs, and the issues and priorities within the health care sector and how these impact patient care delivery
- Practical knowledge of relevant legislation (e.g., Long Term Care Act, privacy legislation, etc.)
- Knowledge of South West LHIN administrative practices and procedures
- Proven history of working well within an interdisciplinary team with excellent interpersonal skills
- Proven leadership abilities with effective skills in verbal and written communication, problem solving and team building
- Effective planning, organizing and evaluation skills to manage multiple patients, provide information reports and take corrective action as required
- Ability to use MS Office applications (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Demonstrated proficiency with computer navigation and data inputting.
- Regular travel throughout the Huron Perth region is required

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Proficiency in a second language, particularly French.
- Additional training obtained through CAPE and/or SCOPE preferred.

## Who We Are:

The South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) is one of 14 local organizations in Ontario that plan, coordinate, and fund local health services, and deliver high quality home and community care to patients and families. The South West LHIN is committed to health improvement, innovation, and the establishment of collaborative partnerships to improve population health, patient experience, and value for money across the health care system.

LHIN staff incorporates the best aspects of teamwork and continuous learning as they work with the local community to ensure the best health outcomes for everyone. If you have a passion for excellence and an entrepreneurial spirit, this is your opportunity to make a difference as part of a dynamic team transforming the Ontario healthcare system.

For further information on the South West LHIN please visit: <http://www.southwestlhin.on.ca>.

*The LHIN is an equal opportunity employer and all applicants are welcome. Individuals with a disability requiring accommodation during the application and/or the selection process should advise the recruitment contact so arrangements can be made.*

### **How To Apply:**

Should you be interested in this exciting opportunity, please visit [www.lhinjobs.ca](http://www.lhinjobs.ca) to apply. Compensation includes competitive salary, benefits, and pension plan. **Application deadline is July 1, 2018 at 11:59pm.**

We thank all applicants; however, only those applicants invited for an interview will be contacted. Due to volume of applications, we are not able to respond to general inquiries by phone or e-mail.