

**INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Position:** MLC Guidance Counsellor

**Background:**

Formed in 1988, Matawa First Nations Management (Matawa) is a Tribal Council providing services to nine member communities in Northern Ontario. The organization is dedicated to providing its members with advisory and support services in the areas of communications, economic development, education, finance and business, health, membership and technical services.

The Matawa Education Department supports quality, accessible, community-based educational services for eight Matawa First Nation communities: Aroland, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Long Lake #58, Marten Falls, Neskantaga, Nibinamik, and Webequie First Nations. In addition to providing advisory services to Education Authorities and Matawa First Nation leadership, the Education Department administers post-secondary support services for 5 Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Learning Centre (MLC), a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 8 schools/sites.

The MLC located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, provides a unique learning environment to support students as they move toward the successful completion of their secondary education and continue on their pathways to work, training or post-secondary education programs.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of MLC Guidance Counsellor with the Matawa Education Department.

**Position Summary:**

As a member of the MLC team, the MLC Guidance Counsellor will contribute to the academic and social experience of the school environment by supporting and educating



students about their current and future educational journey. The MLC Guidance Counsellor will focus on the personal, social, educational, and career needs of the students, and doing so with a priority on the individual student's best interest.

The position is based in Thunder Bay, with some travel that may be required to Matawa First Nation communities. The successful applicants will be required to submit a current Criminal Record Check, including vulnerable sector, and current "negative" result TB skin test. This is a contract position to June 29, 2018, with possibility of extension, pending funding and a successful performance review.

### **Preferred Qualifications/Requirements:**

- Current *Certificate of Qualification and Registration* with the Ontario College of Teachers, with additional qualifications in Guidance & Career Education or Supporting First Nations, Metis and Inuit Students: Guidance and Counselling;
- Minimum of 3 years successful teaching experience;
- Experience with, and understanding of, life and career planning and intervention models to support student success and academic setting;
- Understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Understanding of issues faced by First Nation youth;
- Experience in strategic planning and development in mental health and wellness for First Nation students;
- First Nation cultures and life styles;
- Knowledge and experience with computer systems (Apple preferred); and
- Understanding and experience with confidentiality in an educational setting

In addition, the ideal candidate will have excellent written and oral communication, interpersonal, leadership, time management, stress management, and critical thinking skills. Fluency in Ojibway or Oji-Cree is considered an asset.

**For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website: [www.matawa.on.ca](http://www.matawa.on.ca).**

**Salary:** We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience.



Please submit a cover letter with resume and three employment references to:

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**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

*Thank you for your interest in working with the Matawa Learning Centre, however only successful applicants will be contacted.*

