



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position:** Matawa Health Cooperative Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator

**Background:**

Incorporated in 2017, the Matawa Health Co-operative (MHC) is a Matawa First Nation owned and controlled health co-operative that provides health care services to enhance existing health services to achieve long-term health and well-being for all members within the nine (9) Matawa First Nations. It is overseen by a Board of Directors and is a member of the Health Care Co-operatives Federation of Canada. The MHC is community-driven with available services being tailored to individual community's needs. It is the first of its kind in Canada.

The MHC works to incorporate traditional healing and medicines in addressing the wholistic health needs of the Matawa First Nations focusing on the priorities of mental health and addictions, diabetes and chronic diseases. It oversees an Inter-Professional Primary Care Health Team made up of a clinical coordinator, 4 nurses (2 are Certified Diabetes Educators), 1.5 physicians (part-time), 1 foot care specialist and, 4 mental health counsellors providing direct services in the Matawa First Nations or through telemedicine.

The organization is accepting applications for an MHC Certified Diabetes Educator Nurse.

**Position Summary:**

With the support and guidance of the Community Health Nurse Supervisor, the Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) will be responsible in providing diabetes health care and education to all Matawa First Nations communities, focusing on diabetes prevention, promotion, and education.

Specific duties include:

- Providing education related to diabetes and the disease process; medication, diet and nutritional monitoring; foot care, prevention and care of complications; blood glucose monitoring and the techniques of self-monitoring blood glucose to individuals/communities.
- Developing and maintaining cooperative working relations with all MHC Staff and Matawa organizations, other Tribal Councils, and political organizations, such as, NAN.
- Working with members of our interdisciplinary health team along with physicians, nurse practitioners, or other agencies involved in the care of the First Nations' community members on a regular basis and as required;
- Participate in the development of any community diabetes education and training programs set out by the Matawa Communities.

## Preferred Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Bachelor's Degree in Nursing; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted; and current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- A member of the Registered Nurses Association in Ontario – with LAP
- A Canadian Diabetes Educator Certification is required or willingness to work towards
- Diabetes/Advanced foot care certification is an asset
- Minimum of 3 years of related nursing work experience;
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in working with First Nation communities and/or equivalent organization

Applicants will have skills and personal attributes as described in the job description.

**Location:** Thunder Bay, Ontario (with extensive travel to Matawa road-access and remote communities)

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Term:** Full-Time, dependent on annual funding

**How to Apply:** Please send your cover letter and resume with three references to:

Matawa Health Co-operative  
RE: Privacy/EMR Administrator  
233 Court Street South, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9

Fax: (807) 346-2371

Email: [careers@matawa.on.ca](mailto:careers@matawa.on.ca)

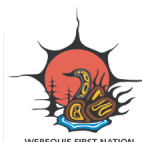
**Deadline:** Open Until Filled

**For additional information, please view the job description at the Matawa website:**

**[www.matawa.on.ca](http://www.matawa.on.ca)**

**(or at: <http://www.matawa.on.ca/departments/employment/>)**

*We thank all applicants for their interest in working with the Matawa Health Co-operative, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*



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