MATAWA HEALTH CO-OPERATIVE



# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

## Position: Certified Diabetes Educator Registered Nurse

### 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, 7 nurses (3 are Certified Diabetes Educators), 2 physicians, 1-foot care nurse, 1.5 nurse practitioner(s), and 2 mental health counsellors providing direct services in the Matawa First Nations or through telemedicine.

The organization is accepting applications for a Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator.

## **Position Summary:**

The Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) Registered Nurse will deliver services to all Matawa communities and provide diabetes health education to a variety of patient populations including high risk groups suffering from chronic diseases.

- Provide 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 levels.
- Develop and implement educational programs for clients, families, and support systems that support interaction, collaboration by both CDE and clients.
- Partner with clients to assist with decisions regarding their diabetes management and support and educate clients on health lifestyle choices. The CDE will focus on prevention of complications and management of diabetes with clients.
- Provide ongoing assessment and recommendations to the treatment team and patient/family/support systems for adjustments in plan of care as required.

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- Assist in identifying and initiating plans to address service gaps between diabetic health services practices and optimal standards of care.
- Report to the Community Health Nurse Supervisor on all matters pertaining to the Diabetes Education Program.
- Perform other related duties as requested.

# Preferred Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge and Abilities:

The Public Health Nurse must be

- Registered with the College of Nurses of Ontario;
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing or at minimum a three-year nursing diploma;
- Minimum of 3 years of related nursing work experience;
- Diabetes Educator Certification is required or willingness to work towards;
- Diabetes/Advanced foot care certification would be considered an asset;

The incumbent should also have proficient knowledge in the following areas:

- Exceptional oral, written and presentation skills
- Excellent interpersonal communication and, organizational skills
- Expertise in developing and maintaining excellent working relationships with all members of the health care team and partner organizations
- Ability to prioritize, manage time effectively
- Capacity to adapt quickly to a fast-paced, dynamic work environment
- Knowledge of various computer systems and applications (i.e., Microsoft Office, etc.)

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

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Term: Full-Time

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

Matawa Health Co-operative RE: Certified Diabetes Educator Registered Nurse 233 Court Street South, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Thunder Bay, ON P7B 2X9 Fax: (807) 346-2371 Email: careers@matawa.on.ca

## Deadline: Open Until Filled



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

#### www.matawa.on.ca

(or at: http://www.matawa.on.ca/department/employment/)

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

Matawa First Nations Management has adopted a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy by which all staff, who are eligible, must be fully vaccinated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact us.



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