



## INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position: Art Therapist**

Matawa First Nations is a progressive Tribal Council of nine Ojibway and Oji-Cree Northern Ontario First Nations. The Matawa Education Department delivers a variety of education programs and services for Matawa First Nation schools.

Matawa Education Department and Matawa Education and Care Centre invites applications for the position of Art Therapist with the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC). The Art therapist reports to the Executive Director of Education, Principal and Vice Principal of the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) and the Mental Health Coordinator. The Art Therapist provides a health service that combines psychotherapy and the creative process of making art, known to be therapeutic, to help individuals explore personal issues and express thoughts and feelings. The primary responsibility of the Art Therapist is to provide mental health support to Matawa First Nations students attending the MECC through creative arts. The Art Therapist works to combat the tremendous increase in suicides and self-harming behavior among youth by addressing students' mental health needs and working in collaboration with the MECC Principal, staff, and community.

### Qualifications / Requirements:

#### Knowledge

The incumbent must have proficient knowledge in the following areas:

- Postgraduate level training in art therapy, or the equivalent experience
- At least 2 years' art therapy experience
- Proficient knowledge of clientele with neurocognitive disorders
- Knowledge of First Nation education
- Knowledge of First Nation cultures and life styles
- Knowledge and experience with computer systems (Apple preferred)





## Skills

The incumbent must demonstrate the following skills:

- A minimum of 2 years successful art therapy experience
- Experience with a First Nation school and/or working with First Nation students
- Knowledge and experience in developing courses and workshops as they pertain to art therapy
- Excellent written, verbal, interpersonal, presentation, and analytical skills
- A valid Ontario Driver's License

## Personal Attributes

The incumbent must maintain strict confidentiality in performing the duties of Youth Inquest Assistant. The incumbent must also demonstrate the following personal attributes:

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Flexibility
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with parents, students, co-workers, and administrator
- Willingness and ability to travel as required, to both road-accessible and fly-in communities
- Must be “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19. (In Ontario, a “fully vaccinated individual” is defined as one who has received the required number of doses as outlined by Health Canada and they have received their final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.) Must provide Health Canada's proof of vaccination (vaccine receipt or enhanced vaccine certificate).

The successful applicant will be required to submit a current Criminal Record Check and TB skin test.

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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We offer competitive salary and benefits commensurate with education and work experience. This position will be based in Thunder Bay with some travel required to Matawa First Nation communities. This is a contract position to March 31, 2023, with a possibility of extension, pending funding and a successful performance review.

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

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

Sharon Nate, Executive Director: Education Department  
Matawa First Nations Management  
RE: ART THERAPIST  
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Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y2

Fax: (807) 768-3301  
Email: [education@matawa.on.ca](mailto:education@matawa.on.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest in working with Matawa First Nations; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Application Deadline:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 4:30 p.m. EST

