



INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Life Skills Teacher – Matawa Education and Care Centre

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 the eight Matawa First Nations Communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Ginoogaming, Neskantaga, Marten Falls 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 five Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Education and Care Centre, a private secondary school located in the Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for six communities. The MECC Safe Sobering Site however, will accept youth from all Matawa communities.

At this time, Matawa First Nations Management invites applications from qualified applicants for the position of **Life Skills Teacher** at the Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC). The MECC is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario and 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.





Position Summary:

The MECC Life Skills Teacher will be part of the MECC team. The MECC Life Skills Teacher shall provide direct instruction and intervention strategies to individual students or groups of students and advocate for students. This would include monitoring student progress and student needs, and ensuring students receive appropriate accommodations for classroom and provincial assessments. The MECC Life Skills Teacher will administer formal and informal academic assessments, as described in *Growing Success*, in order to provide the students with an effective learning environment.

The MECC Life Skills Teacher is expected to teach a variety of courses and to support students who are working to obtain secondary course credits through alternative formats, such as Independent Learning Centre (ILC) courses, online courses, and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition.

Requirements:

- Current *Certificate of Qualification and Registration* with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Qualifications as a secondary school teacher;
- Minimum of 3 years successful teaching experience;
- Knowledge and experience in developing courses and curriculum, and in utilizing ILC course materials;
- Demonstrated instructional skills in a multi-grade setting;
- Understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Understanding of issues faced by First Nation youth;
- Knowledge and experience with computer systems (Apple preferred); and
- Fluency in Ojibway, Cree or Oji-Cree is considered an asset.

Applicants will also have excellent oral and written communication skills; interpersonal and leadership skills; stress management skills; demonstrated ability to work effectively with Teachers, Principals, students, Administration, Government and First Nations; and hold a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain.





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.

This position is based in Thunder Bay, Ontario and is a contract position to June 30, 2023 with the possibility of extension pending funding and a successful performance review.

For additional information, including specific qualifications for the position, please view the Job Description at the Matawa website:
www.matawa.on.ca.

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

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of Education
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Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y2
RE: **Life Skills Teacher**

Fax: (807) 768-3301
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We offer competitive salary commensurate with education and work experience.

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

