

INTERNAL/EXTERNAL POSTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Cultural Mental Health Worker

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 Nations communities of Aroland, Eabametoong, Nibinamik, Long Lake #58, 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 5 Matawa First Nations; operates the Matawa Learning Centre, a private secondary school located in Thunder Bay; and coordinates the Student Nutrition Program for 6 communities.

Matawa is inviting applications for the position of **Cultural Mental Health Worker (CMHW)** with the Matawa Education Department. The Matawa Education and Care Centre (MECC) 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.

As a member of the MECC, the CMHW shall provide professional direction and support to the MECC by identifying and implementing cultural programs and strategies that support student and staff mental health and wellness. This will include professional development and training, as well as providing guidance, coaching, and mentoring for coordinated, culturally safe, community-based and student-centered mental health and wellness programming.





Preferred Qualifications and Experience:

The ideal applicant will have:

- A degree in Social Work, School Psychology, or related discipline, and registration with a related professional governing body (e.g. Ontario College of Social Workers) or equivalent combination of education and experience (minimum of 5 years) related to the position (preferred);
- First Nation Cultural practices and life styles is required;
- Experience and understanding of mental health strategies and intervention models to support student success in an academic setting;
- Experience in strategic planning and development in mental health and wellness for First Nation students;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation and Ontario education systems;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with school staff, parents, administration, government and First Nation organizations;
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Knowledge of Ojibway, Cree or Oji-Cree is 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. They must provide a current Vulnerable Sectors Criminal Record Check and tuberculosis skin test;





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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:

Matawa First Nations Management
Attn: Executive Director of Education

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Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5Y2
RE: **Cultural Mental Health Worker**

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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.

Application Deadline: August 20, 2023 4:30 pm





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