

RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSE (Health & Wellness)

History: The ongoing story of the Nisga'a Nation is written on the land. Nisga'a Highway 113 leads north from Terrace, British Columbia to our territory in the Nass Valley. En route, visitors travel through some of BC's most breathtaking landscapes — across vast lava fields born of Canada's last volcanic eruption — past sacred mountains, sunlit alpine meadows, ancient stands of cedar and hemlock, and along our mighty river K'ali-askim Lisims (the Nass River).

Many Nisga'a citizens live in one of four Nisga'a Villages: Gitlaxt'aamiks, Gitwinksihlkw, Laxgalts'ap, and Gingolx. The Nass River connects the Nisga'a and is considered one of BC's richest river systems.

Job Summary: The Rural Primary Health Care Nurse will provide comprehensive care, education and guidance to the acute, primary and urgent care patients and their families. The nurse will work to full scope of practice as a member of a multidisciplinary health care team.

The nurse fosters an environment in which communities, families and individuals can achieve and maintain optimal health through the provision of health education/promotion and disease prevention programs as well as treatment services to individuals and groups in a variety of settings in the rural and/or remote area. The Primary Health Care Nurse will work with physicians, patients, families, CCHR's and community along with other health care providers to access local and regional programs in a multidisciplinary environment to ensure a high quality of evidence based health care to the rural patient population. This position will involve flexible work hours within a Monday to Friday workweek schedule with on call responsibilities.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Plan and deliver and deliver appropriate assessment and care to clients/patients
- Seeking or referred to the respective clinics for emergency or outpatient treatment.
- All treatment provided would be in accordance with a medical practitioner's direction or as experience and sound nursing practice.
- Performs appropriate physical assessment of clients attended (May include emergent ECG & Lab procedures)
- Provides nursing interventions that may include among other things: basic trauma and/or cardiac life support, repair of simple lacerations, irrigations, removal of casts, and application of splints, assisting obstetrical emergencies, suture removal and the administration of medications.
- Ensures appropriate documentation of all treatments administered.
- Ensures that clinical and emergency equipment and drugs are routinely maintained and replenished as per NVHA policy; Prepares and submits a monthly statistics report to the Team Lead.
- Shares on-call duty with the professional health team.
- Participates in health team and general staff meetings.
- Assists in the orientation to the department/clinic of other health professionals as required.
- Act as a resource to other program and service staff.
- Other duties as required and may vary depending on the patient population and staff resources.

Qualifications & Experience

- Registered with BCCNP (If you need to register they will wait for the right candidate can take 4-6 weeks to get)
- Current registration with the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC)
- A graduate of an accredited school of nursing
- Minimum of 2 years acute care experience (they will consider a New Grad)
- Preference given to those with three (3) years recent, related experience, being a broad base of clinical experience, outpost or small acute facility experience as well as community health/public health experience
- Remote Nursing Practice Certification preferred

- ACLS, BLS-HCP
- Trauma Course: EPICC or similar or willing to obtain
- Current CPR and Valid BC Driver's License.
- Emergency Specialty Nursing Certificate an asset
- Demonstrated success in related clinical experience

Skills, Abilities and Attributes

- Self-directed, innovative and efficient
- Strong verbal and written communication skills;
- Strong client care skills, be able to communicate with a variety of audiences;
- Strong conflict resolutions skills;
- Knowledge/ability with computer applications including Med Access or comparable medical applications
- Great interpersonal skills; Must work well in a team environment;
- Adaptability is key
- Knowledge of the Nisga'a Language and Culture a definite asset

Benefits offered for this role:

- Location is rural but lots to see and do
- Free housing – includes internet, hydro, phone services and is furnished
- Full benefits
- Vacation – 20 days /year
- Pension up to 18% and employer will match up to 5%
- Signing bonus and retention bonus
- 37.5hrs per week Mon-Fri
- Hourly wage is open for discussion – approx. depending on experience (\$50/hr)
- They may consider someone coming in for 6 weeks then going home for 2 weeks etc

If you are interested in hearing more about this position, please contact me as soon as possible by sending me a copy of your updated resume in a Word or PDF format to marnie@verticalbridge.ca

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