



## Health Educator

**FTE:** FTE 1.0

**Status:** Permanent

**Closing Date:** Open until filled

The **Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre** is a community based, Indigenous controlled, Primary Care service that combines western curative care with traditional Ojibway healing philosophies and practices. The Access Centre provides clinical, social, health promotion and preventive services, as well as, access to traditional Ojibway healers.

The Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre, located in the heart of the Fort Frances Tribal Area and the Rainy River District, is the result of a unique partnership between area First Nations, the United Native Friendship Centre and the Sunset Country Metis.

### Summary of Position:

The Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre is currently accepting applications for a Health Educator. This position is a permanent full-time position, to begin in November 2022. The Health Educator will act part of the interdisciplinary team and work closely with the Diabetes Team and Registered Dietitian.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

The Health Educator will work to:

- Increase community awareness of the seriousness of chronic diseases, their risk factors, complications, and potential strategies for prevention of complications.
- Improve understanding about healthy lifestyle choices and to promote better self-management behaviors among Indigenous individuals and their families.
- Introduce healthy eating and active lifestyle options in the Indigenous communities, organizations, and schools.
- Establish support groups for clients and their families to lead healthy eating and active living initiatives.
- Support smoking cessation and prevention activities.

### Qualifications:

- College or university diploma in health education or a related field.
- Certified Fitness Instructor (preferred) or experience in delivering fitness instruction.
- A minimum of 2 years' experience in health education and promotion or a related field.
- Willingness to work evenings or weekends as required.
- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work within a team environment of health and social service providers.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence.
- As per policy, applicants should note that COVID-19 vaccination, Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check and Driver's Abstract is a condition of employment within Gizhewaadiziwin Health Access Centre.

### Desired:

- First Nations, Inuit or Metis candidates are encouraged to apply. Please self-identify.
- Current CPR certification.

### Additional Information:

As a part of our team, you will be eligible for:

- 100% employer-paid health care benefits;
- Become a member of the Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP);
- Six (6) paid Personal Leave Days a year;
- 3 weeks (starting) paid vacation subject to increase quickly over tenure;
- Invited to actively participate in cultural and traditional teachings and knowledge.

***A complete Job Description is available by contacting Cheryl McEvoy, HR Manager at 274-3131.***

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a resume, covering letter, 3 work related references (*one must be from a current or most recent supervisor*) and written authorization to contact references.

**Attention: Personnel Committee  
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*We thank all candidates in advance, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Gizhewaadiziwin is committed to providing employment accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. If contacted for an employment opportunity or interviewing, please advise if you require accommodation.*