

Job Description - Implementation Lead and Community Development Coordinator

Position Title:	Implementation Lead and Community Development Coordinator
Department:	School of Occupational Therapy
Appointment type:	Contract
Appointment status:	Temporary full-time
Start date:	November 1, 2023
End date:	June 30, 2024
Hours per week:	24-37.5 hours per week (part- or full-time hours will be negotiated with the Candidate depending on their availability and preferences)
Hourly rate:	\$35-\$45/hour commensurate with education and experience

About Western

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Please note that this position is located in Kingston, Ontario, and the incumbent will need to be present in the Kingston area in order to fulfill the requirements of the position.

Responsibilities

Reporting directly to Dr. Carrie Anne Marshall at Western University, the Implementation Lead and Community Development Coordinator will oversee implementation of the Peer to Community Model (P2C), an intervention aimed at supporting individuals to thrive in their communities following homelessness. This model is being implemented as part of a pilot study of this novel approach. Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Collaborating with mental health and social service providers in Kingston, Ontario to bridge relationships with the program and community agencies
- Providing support to program staff as they implement the P2C model in the Kingston, Ontario community
- Leading alongside the occupational therapist in the program to support peer support specialists
- Working closely with the principal investigator of the study and researchers on the team to gain guidance on strategies for implementation
- Seeking opportunities for operational grant funding to support sustainability of the program in the long-term
- Grant writing
- Liaising with leadership in community agencies to build a profile for the P2C program in the community

Skills/Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in the health sciences or social care discipline supplemented with experiences or an interest in providing support to individuals who experience homelessness. A master's or higher degree in occupational therapy, nursing or social work would be an asset.
- Experience in interacting with persons experiencing homelessness, housing precarity, or individuals who have been recently housed following homelessness
- Experience in interacting with individuals living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders
- Knowledge of community resources for persons living with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who are unhoused and/or precariously housed in Kingston, ON
- Demonstrated relationships with community organizations in Kingston, ON or a willingness to develop these relationships
- Experience in using Microsoft Office programs, Zoom, Microsoft Teams or a willingness to learn
- Knowledge of current practices used in the housing and homelessness sectors to support individuals as they transition to being housed and a willingness to learn from new evidence on this topic

Requirements

- A letter detailing how the applicant can fulfill the responsibilities of the position, and has attained the specified skills/qualifications
- Submission of a complete application form with resume/CV
- Two references and contact information

To apply, send a cover letter detailing reasons for your interest in this position, along with a description of how you meet the qualifications and requirements listed above along with a resume/CV to Dr. Carrie Anne Marshall at carrie.marshall@uwo.ca