

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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Prescriber Participation in the Northern Health Virtual Substance Use Stream

Northern Health would like to invite physicians and nurse practitioners to indicate their interest in participating in the delivery of prescriber services through the Northern Health Virtual Substance Use Stream. This service is seeking prescribers who are comfortable with virtual OAT prescribing and/or Pharmaceutical Alternatives prescribing

The Northern Health Virtual Substance Use Stream

- Provides culturally safe and trauma informed support to people who use substances living in the North including: assessment, nursing interventions, Opioid Agonist Therapy, and pharmaceutical alternatives to toxic street supply
- Makes appropriate and timely connections to local substance use supports, where available
- Operates in partnership with the [Northern Health Virtual Primary & Community Care Clinic](#)
- Uses phone and video appointments to reach patients
- Offers the opportunity for providers to work virtually

Remuneration and scheduling

Clinic times will be available 7 days a week in the afternoons. The 7-day-a-week model will be developed over time and is based on provider availability.

Physicians

Physicians will be remunerated based on the family practice hourly sessional rate through a group service contract. Scheduling of providers will be managed through ByteBloc. Shifts are scheduled in 4-hour blocks, but opportunities to participate in a routinized schedule are also available. Consideration will need to be made for providers currently on existing service contracts with Northern Health.

Nurse Practitioners

Nurse practitioners will be remunerated as per usual health authority processes. Scheduling of providers will be managed through ByteBloc. Shifts are scheduled in 4-hour blocks.

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Qualifications and Experience

Physicians

1. Medical degree and current registration with the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons
2. Completion of additional education in accordance with standards and guidelines from British Columbia Center for Substance Use
3. Active family medicine privileges and medical staff membership with Northern Health
4. Demonstrated commitment to cultural safety and trauma informed practice

Nurse practitioners

1. Registration with British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives
2. Completion of additional education in accordance with standards and guidelines from BCCSU
3. Active privileges and medical staff membership with Northern Health
4. Demonstrated commitment to longitudinal primary care practice in the Northern Health region
5. Demonstrated commitment to cultural safety and trauma informed practice

Physicians and nurse practitioners that are interested in participating in this service are asked to review the [Northern Health Guiding Principles for Primary Care](#) and the [Risk Mitigation in the Context of Dual Public Health Emergencies](#), and provide a brief reflection on these documents and an up-to-date CV to Vanessa Kinch.

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