



# BRIDGE RIVER INDIAN BAND

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## Job Posting

### Community Wellness Coordinator

#### Full-time Permanent Position

Working as a member of the Xwisten Health and Administration team to provide assessment, referrals, and counselling to Xwisten members. The Community Wellness Worker will liaise with other departments and local service providers and groups to participate in educational sessions, provide programming, and offer support services.

#### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Increase awareness and understanding among the Bridge River Band residents and members about mental, emotional, alcohol, and substance abuse issues.
- Assessments, referrals and a follows up for clients requiring treatment;
- Act as a resource for clients and their families by providing information regarding accessing community services, facilitating referrals where appropriate, and assists in the development of Xwisten resources by identifying services gaps needed to support the health and well-being of all members;
- Assist in the development and provision of relevant educational programs for home, health care staff, clients, their families and community agencies on psychosocial issues as they relate to health, illness and disability;
- Liaise with other health service providers, traditional healers and community services;
- Provide Counselling and Support to our members and maintain written and clinical records as required;
- Increase awareness about and promote healthier lifestyles (for example, through traditional values and individual and family wellness values) including providing culturally appropriate programs to educate and promote healthier lifestyles and addiction-free lifestyles.

#### Qualifications:

- Bachelors (Social Work or related field) Degree with a specialization in Mental Health counselling from an accredited educational institution in an Allied Health, Behavioral, or Social Science field relevant to this position.
- Addictions Counselling Training. Preference will be given to applicants who have been certified as an Addictions Counsellor by ICBOC, CACCF, or CCPC.
- A minimum of 2-4 years of recent experience in providing assessments, referrals and counselling.
- Current valid BC Driver's License and reliable transportation.
- Previous experience or familiarity working with First Nations organizations and/or communities is preferred.

\*Please note, the successful candidate must also be willing to submit a Criminal Records Check with a vulnerable sector search.

**SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- Knowledge of current psychological and Mental Health Counselling Practice;
- Ability to organize, prioritize, and work independently as well as part of a team;
- Ability to communicate both verbally and written;
- Counselling skills in individual , family and group;
- Experience is community-based health programming;
- A strong understanding of Indigenous people's cultures, traditions, issues, protocols and communities.
- Financial management skills including creating and maintaining budgets, tracking expenditures, record keeping and reporting.

**Fax Cover Letter with referrals and Resume to:**

**Gary Forsyth - Band Administrator**  
**Fax: 250-256-7999**

**Closing Deadline: Open until Filled**

**Only those short listed will be notified**