

QMUNITY

Counselling Practicum Placement

The Organization: QMUNITY is BC's Queer Resource Center – The hub for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and queer community programs, training and advocacy. We envision a world where all queer people are included and free from discrimination.

The Counselling Program: As one of the few free counseling services in the Lower Mainland, we provide a 12 session model of counseling. Along with being queer, trans* or gender diverse, our clients are seeking safer spaces, and may have experienced trauma, struggle with substance use, mental health and/or relationship issues.

Skills:

QMUNITY is looking for professional designated counselors and student placements to join our counseling team. The following skills are desirable.

- Knowledge and professional experience pertaining to counselling trans* and gender diverse folks.
- Knowledge and experience practicing within an anti-oppressive and trauma-informed framework.
- Strong interpersonal and interdisciplinary skills.
- Collaborative and collegial approach.
- Comfort with self-reflection and continued learning in the context of formal clinical supervision.

Requirements:

Applications are open to persons with the following requirements:

- RCC or RSW designation, liability insurance and can provide a minimum one year volunteer term OR are studying in a Masters level Counseling program
- Experienced working with queer, trans* and gender diverse communities or have lived experience as a queer, trans* or gender diverse person.
- Willingness to provide ten volunteer hours to the organization over the course of their placement.

Time Commitment:

- Clinical Supervision is provided weekly / bi weekly for students, and monthly for professional counsellors. Group supervision is held monthly.
- Counselors start seeing three to four clients per week, which can be increased to six to eight clients after the approval of both the Clinical Supervisor and the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Regular check-ins with the Volunteer Coordinator are provided.

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Benefits:

- An opportunity to give back
- Flexible volunteer hours
- Gain experience working in an established local social profit
- Inclusion in QMUNITY Volunteer team events and professional development
- Eligibility for Volunteer of the Month and Volunteer of the Year
- Potential for letters of recommendation and references

Accountability:

The Counsellors report to both QMUNITY's Volunteer Coordinator, as well as the Clinical Supervisor. Our Clinical Supervisor is in the office once a week; therefore you must be able to work independently yet be able to seek support from the Volunteer Coordinator, as well as other members of the counselling team when needed.

Accessibility: Please note, QMUNITY's main office space is located on the second level of the building. Applicants should be aware that there is a flight of 23 stairs to reach the office.

Diversity: QMUNITY is committed to employment equity and prioritizes applications from underrepresented groups including trans and gender variant persons, Indigenous persons, persons of colour, and persons with disabilities. For peer facilitator positions, we require persons who self-identify as a member of the peer group, to help create a safer space for group participants.

How to apply:

If you are a **new** volunteer:

1. Email an updated resume and a cover letter, with the subject "Counselling Practicum Placement," to our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@qmunity.ca
2. Create an account in our [online volunteer platform](#)
3. Follow instructions, fill in your information and submit your application

If you **have already** volunteered with us:

1. Email an updated resume and a cover letter, with the subject "Counselling Practicum Placement," to our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@qmunity.ca

Thank you for your interest in this position, we will get in touch with you soon.