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# **UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY PARISH NURSE**

## **JOB DESCRIPTION 2023**

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### **Position Summary**

Reporting to the Health Council of the Upper Ottawa Valley Parish Nursing Ministry, the parish nurse provides mental, physical, emotional and spiritual care to people in church communities through direct ministry, as well as community-based health advocacy and education. According to a rotating weekly schedule, the nurse travels to and works initially in the ministry hubs in Chalk River and in Pembroke. At all times, the Parish nurse operates in accordance with the United Church of Canada's stated commitments and ongoing efforts towards right relationships, anti-racism, and reconciliation, as well as existing Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence Policies.

### **Scope of Practice**

#### **Healthcare Ministry**

- Schedule and conduct individual appointments with church community members for the purposes of consultation and wholistic assessment of health conditions using evidence-based assessments
- Visit church members with limited mobility in their homes for maintenance healthcare (ex. diabetes management, memory care)
- Conduct screenings and assessments at drop-in, church-based health clinics
- With patient consent, participate in hospital discharge planning and advocate on behalf of patients with relevant members of their healthcare teams
- Complete referrals, where appropriate, to specialized healthcare and local mental health services
- Assist church community members in the integration of faith and health

#### **Community Relations and Health Advocacy**

- Network with allied healthcare professionals in the local communities of practice
- Educate the general public on preventative healthcare through wellness workshops
- Professional/Administrative duties as assigned by the Health Council
- Support facilitators of self-care support groups ie, compassionate caregiver, mental wellness

## **Performance Requirements**

### **Educational Qualifications**

- ✓ BScN – Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- ✓ Be a member in good standing with the College of Nurses, and therefore be permitted to legally practice as a nurse within the province of Ontario
- ✓ Have completed (or be willing to complete) an eligible Parish Nursing Education Program, including ongoing Continuing Education requirements
- ✓ 3 years' previous experience working in a healthcare setting

### **Core Competencies**

- ✓ Strong clinical, organizational, and interpersonal skills
- ✓ Understanding of the social determinants of health, as well as learning the context of community healthcare services available in the Upper Ottawa Valley
- ✓ Demonstrated abilities to:
  - “utilize one’s personal and role authorities to enhance quality life for others”
  - “carry out a spiritual assessment with individuals and families, working with them towards spiritual wellness and practices
  - “conceptualize and communicate the meaning of health, healing, wholeness, and health promotion as these relate to persons in a faith community setting” (CAPNM Standards of Practice and Core Competencies 2007 have been copied with permission of the Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry and have not been altered in any way.)

### **Additional Requirements**

- ✓ Must be willing to work flexible hours, including periodic weekends and evenings
- ✓ Must possess a valid “G” class drivers’ license and have access to a reliable vehicle
- ✓ Experience working with seniors and/or working in a faith community context is an asset
- ✓ Willingness to take training regarding mental wellness
- ✓ Willing to integrate into their practice of work the United Church of Canada’s values of inclusion and diversity
- ✓ In addition to English, fluency in French and Indigenous languages is an asset

Registered nurses who are interested in this exciting and unique community-based healthcare/parish nursing setting are encouraged to apply to: Rev.Tiina Cote at [tiinacote@gmail.com](mailto:tiinacote@gmail.com) before January 2, 2023.