



Located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the **IWK Health Centre** provides quality care to women, children, youth and families in the Maritime provinces and beyond. In addition to providing highly specialized (tertiary) care, the IWK also provides primary care services. The IWK is also engaged in leading-edge research; works to promote healthy lifestyles for families; and supports education opportunities for health professionals and other learners.

### **Clinical Psychologist - Residential Treatment Regular Full-Time**

**Salary: \$40.3270 - \$50.4089/hour**

**Competition #: L-2012-0620**

**Applications will be accepted until this position has been filled**

**POSITION SUMMARY:** The IWK Mental Health & Addictions Program is recruiting a Clinical Psychologist with experience working with youth in residential, day treatment, and/or outpatient services to work within the Adolescent Centre for Treatment (ACT). The Mental Health and Addictions Program at the IWK Health Centre provides a residential treatment centre (ACT) for youth aged 13 to 18 years presenting with severe and persistent disruptive behaviours and/or severe and persistent mental illness. ACT has a capacity for 18 to 20 youth at any given point, offering a combination of residential and day treatment options. The length of the service is between 3 to 4 months of intensive service, followed by a period of transition support. Transition support is designed upon admission into the service. Psychologists in this service provide clinical program planning, individual and group treatments, family interventions including family therapy and service evaluation. The Psychologist is a member of an interdisciplinary team that provides milieu and specific interventions consistent with the Connect Model. This model is a relationship based model steeped in attachment theory. Parents are provided training in the model through a Connect Parenting Program.

The Adolescent Centre for Treatment provides evidence-based best practice Mental Health Services to youth and families. The youth often present with emotional and behavioural dysregulation and cognitive and behavioural methods are engaged to help youth self-regulate. The Doctoral Psychologist is a member of an interdisciplinary team of service providers, which includes other doctoral prepared psychologists, master's prepared clinical social workers, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, transition support workers, youth care workers, occupational therapy, recreation therapy, teachers, educational support workers, administrative support, and psychiatry. The Psychologist's responsibilities include psychological assessments, (including diagnostic assessment where indicated), evidence-based mental health treatment (focused on rehabilitation/ reintegration into community), program development, program evaluation, staff development and clinical leadership for service improvement. Treatments include individual, group, and family interventions.

The IWK Health Centre Predoctoral Residency Program in Pediatric and Child-Adolescent Psychology is both APA and CPA approved. All Psychologists at the IWK are expected to actively participate in training residents. Candidates for Psychology positions who have the appropriate credentials may be considered for academic adjunct appointment in an appropriate university department at Dalhousie University. Further information about these appointments can be obtained from Vicky Veitch Wolfe, Ph.D., Psychology Professional Practice Chief, at 902-470-8458 or vicky.wolfe@iwk.nshealth.ca.

Applicants are asked to include a copy of his/her curriculum vitae, pertinent scientific publications and three letters of recommendations from professionals attesting to the applicant's clinical training, clinical skills and character. For individuals with less than 3 years of experience, an additional letter must be provided, from the Director of Clinical Training, at the institution where the applicant completed his/her clinical internship.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Ph. D / PsyD Degree in Clinical Psychology from an accredited university program.
- Registered, or eligible to be registered, with the Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology.
- Minimum five (5) years of formal training and clinical experience in child/adolescent mental health.
- Demonstrated ability to treat a highly dysregulated youth population.
- Demonstrated ability to consult with professional and para-professional staff.
- Demonstrated ability to diagnose and formulate treatment protocols for a wide range of adolescent mental health problems.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively consult with other health, social service and education agencies.
- Demonstrated knowledge in the area of ecological intervention preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to work well as part of an interdisciplinary team required.
- Demonstrated excellent verbal and written communication skills required.
- Ability to participate in the clinical training activities of the Psychology Discipline.
- Education, experience, or training in the related sub-specialty area preferred.
- Competencies in other languages an asset; French preferred.

To apply for this position, please visit <http://www.careerbeacon.com/corpprof/iwk/> or forward your application to [Amanda.gerrits@iwk.nshealth.ca](mailto:Amanda.gerrits@iwk.nshealth.ca)