

Posting #25-066CU

Counsellor

Wellness Centre – Counselling Services

Term, Full-time

(One Year)

Purpose

Reporting to the Manager of Student Health & Wellness, with functional supervision by the Counselling Coordinator, the Counsellor provides a professional level of confidential support and assistance to clients, ranging from individual counselling to crisis response, referral services, group therapy, and career counselling. Working within the interprofessional Student Wellness Team, the Counsellor also engages with the University community to provide wellness programming, supportive outreach to students, and consultations for staff/faculty. UNBC Health & Wellness is an integrated, diverse group of dedicated professionals that are part of the UNBC Student Success team.

This position focuses on serving the health and wellness needs of students belonging to equity-deserving groups, and with other diverse and historically marginalized/excluded populations.

Responsibilities

The Counsellor is responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, and documenting effective counselling services. This encompasses assisting students in the management of intellectual, spiritual, cultural and personal development, and includes setting goals and objectives for a variety of counselling services that are culturally and socially relevant.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Completing interviews to gather information, identify areas and issues of concern and assess risks;
- Conducting individual therapeutic counselling sessions;
- Making appropriate referrals;
- Providing group counselling sessions;
- Developing and maintaining a current awareness of available resources to support and assist clients;
- Displaying continuous engagement, learning, and reflection on the needs of a diverse student population;
- Utilizing cultural and intersectional competencies to support approaches to counselling and provide support for marginalized and racialized students;
- Developing and leading a support group for racialized student population to provide a safe space to reflect on their identities, experiences, and challenges;
- Providing services that are responsive and sensitive to the needs of diverse student populations;
- Developing and delivering programs, presentations, workshops, web content, and other educational materials which promote a proactive and holistic approach to health and wellness.
- Keeping timely and accurate records in accordance with professional guidelines, standards, and applicable privacy legislation or regulations;
- Serving on internal and external committees, working groups or task forces; and
- Committing to self-reflection and awareness in professional practice.

Qualifications

The successful candidate should have:

- A graduate degree in the social sciences, preferably in Educational Counselling, Social Work, Clinical Counselling or Clinical Psychology, or equivalent;
- A minimum of three years of clinical experience, preferably in a post-secondary counselling setting; and
- Valid registration with the professional governing body appropriate to your qualifications or as required by statute (e.g. Canadian Certified Counsellor, Registered Social Worker, Registered Clinical Counsellor).

An equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

The incumbent will be able to demonstrate:

- Experience and knowledge about the specific developmental, mental health, and academic concerns of students identifying as an equity-seeking group;
- A keen sensitivity and understanding of intersecting identities around gender, culture, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability differences, immigration, and socio-economic status and how they connect with one's health and wellbeing; including the effects of trauma and racism;
- A commitment to anti-racism and anti-oppression work;
- Lived experience, knowledge, and cultural experiences required to address the specific issues that racialized students face;
- Previous professional experience with equity-seeking groups;
- Knowledge of power imbalances and how they might manifest in a therapeutic relationship and in the broader community;
- Superior interpersonal, oral and written communication skills;
- The ability to problem-solve complex issues and consistently exercise good judgment;
- A high level of tact, discretion, professionalism, and confidentiality;
- The ability to work well within a team environment, as well as a diverse group of health care and education professionals;
- Research skills, as well as proficiency with Microsoft Office and MOIS (EMR system);
- Organizational and time management with the ability to prioritize;
- Being adept at responding to a wide variety of needs intrinsic to a diverse population; and
- Ability to thrive in an environment where challenge, teamwork, and flexibility are essential to success.

The ideal candidate is someone of an equity-deserving group who will provide mental health and counselling support primarily to those with intersectional identities of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC).

Hire is conditional on a criminal records check.

Salary

This position has been classified at a Grade 13. The annual salary range for this position is \$85,358.00 to \$88,870.60 and the normal starting salary will be \$85,358.00.

UNBC offers excellent benefit packages, and employee training and development opportunities. For more details, please see:

<http://www.unbc.ca/human-resources/employee-benefits>

Normal hours of work will be 8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Employment Equity

The University of Northern British Columbia is fully committed to creating and maintaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment that is accessible to all. We are devoted to ensuring a welcoming, safe, and inclusive campus free from harassment, bullying, and discrimination. This commitment is woven into our motto and mission. In the Dakelh language, UNBC's motto 'En Cha Huná translates to "they also live" and means respect for all living things. Through the respect for all living things, we are able to grow and learn better together, each bringing our own unique individual differences and contributions to inspire leaders for tomorrow by influencing the world today.

Employment equity requires that we remove barriers and overcome both direct and indirect discrimination. In this way, the pool of excellent candidates increases substantially. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

About the Community

Since its founding in 1990, the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) has emerged as one of Canada's best small research-intensive universities, with a passion for teaching, discovery, people, and the North. UNBC's excellence is derived from community-inspired research, hands-on learning, and alumni who are leading change around the world.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have walked gently on the diverse traditional territories where the University of Northern British Columbia community is grateful to live, work, learn, and play. We are committed to building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge their traditional lands, and we thank them for their hospitality. UNBC's largest campus in Prince George is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, in the spectacular landscape near the geographic centre of beautiful British Columbia.

UNBC consistently ranks in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean's university rankings. UNBC also recently placed among the top five per cent of higher education institutions worldwide by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

With a diverse student population, the University is friendly, inclusive, and supportive. Prince George is a city of ~80,000 people with impressive cultural, educational, and recreational amenities. For more information about living and working in Prince George, please refer to <http://www.unbc.ca/experience> and <https://moveupprincegeorge.ca>. Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

To Apply



The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from the four designated groups (women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities) as well as the 2SLGBTQ+ communities and individuals with intersectional identities.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact UNBC Health & Wellbeing at employeeewellbeing@unbc.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

Internal applicants from CUPE Local 3799 will be given priority consideration.

Please forward your resume and proof of education (e.g. copy of transcripts or copy of degree/diploma) and include the competition number #25-066CU in the subject line to:

Human Resources, University of Northern British Columbia,
3333 University Way, Prince George, BC, V2N 4Z9

Email submissions: HRecruit@unbc.ca
Inquiries: (250) 960-5521

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30PM on August 20, 2025.

