

Casual Nurses & Charge Nurses

Kids Cancer Care

The Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta is passionately dedicated to helping young people affected by cancer and their families survive and thrive in body, mind, and spirit. With a vision of providing *a cure for every child and care for every family*, Kids Cancer Care strives to end childhood cancer, while easing the pain and suffering of the disease through three essential program areas: 1. Camp and Outreach; 2. Research and Hospital; and 3. Education Support and Scholarships.

At Kids Cancer Care, we consider it an honour and privilege to do the work we do. We get to help deserving children and families and we get to see our community at its finest - volunteering, donating, hosting fundraisers, and helping others.

We love our work, and we love the children and families we serve. We take our jobs seriously, but we don't take ourselves too seriously. We pride ourselves on having a fun, vibrant and sometimes quirky team that works, laughs, cries, eats, plays and celebrates together.

We value different perspectives and innovative thinking. We like to surround ourselves with creative, kind, and passionate people and we welcome all qualified persons of any ability, gender, ethnic background, or origin at Kids Cancer Care.

The Position

- Term positions reporting to the KCC Director of Nursing & Outreach & Nurse Coordinator.
- Positions available across our camp programs, including both day and overnight roles throughout July & August 2022.
- All positions are weeklong from Monday at 07:30hrs until Friday at 16:00hrs.
- Overnight camp positions are residential and require a stay at Camp Kindle in Water Valley for the duration of the week, whilst our day camp roles do not require a residential stay.

Compensation

- Casual Nurse – \$750 per week
- Charge Nurse - \$800 per week

Camp Program Description

Our Casual Nurses/Charge Nurses provide nursing and medical support to a range of on-site programs both at Camp Kindle and at our day camps in Calgary and Edmonton including the following:

SunMaker & SunHaven – SunMaker campers (children affected by childhood cancer) and SunHaven campers (children affected by a parent’s cancer) have the chance to go to Camp Kindle together and enjoy opportunities to foster new friendships and support from children experiencing cancer from different perspectives. Sharing experiences and building memories together, these campers can learn and grow from each other as they battle cancer from their unique perspectives. Our SunMaker and SunHaven camps offer youth ages 7-14 a one-week sleepover camp experience. With focused oncology nursing staff and medical volunteers rounding out our camp team, campers have a safe and supportive environment just to be kids!

SunChaser - This leadership program is designed for youth ages 15-17 to develop and challenge youth through on-site camp experiences at Camp Kindle. SunChaser is open to campers who have completed our SunMaker or SunHaven programs, but still wish to be involved in the hustle and bustle on-site. Campers will develop skills in teamwork, communication, and leadership, while also enjoying the magic of camp and a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Teens on active or maintenance treatment are welcome in this leadership program.

SunSeeker – This leadership program is designed to develop and challenge youth through outdoor experiences. SunSeeker is open to campers who have completed either our SunMaker or SunHaven programs. SunSeeker offers youth the opportunity to spread their wings and explore personal development in the great outdoors. Campers will help cook their own meals and learn outdoor survival skills such as fire starting. They will also spend time developing their teamwork and communication skills.

The following participants will be in attendance: (a) campers at different stages of their childhood cancer journey (i.e., active treatment, remission, and extended survivorship); (b) siblings; and (c) children of adult cancer patients. Since 2009, KCC has also supported a unique population of children affected by rare hematological and immune disorders at Camp Kindle and at our day camps.

Position Overview

In collaboration with other members of the camp nursing and medical team, the Casual Nurse/ Charge Nurse will work alongside other nursing, medical and camp staff in monitoring the health and wellbeing of children and families participating in KCC camp programs, staff, and volunteers. The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will report directly to the KCC Director of Nursing & Outreach and KCC Nurse Coordinator and will collaborate with the KCC camp team to ensure the medical needs of participants are safely met.

Key Areas of Responsibility

- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will comply with standards and guidelines *per*: (i) the Alberta Camping Association (ACA); (ii) Children’s Oncology Camping International (COCA-I); and (iii) the KCC Medical Policies and Procedures Manual developed in concert with the KCC Medical Advisory Committee.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will adhere to the practice standards outlined *per* the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA).
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will be responsible for supporting the medical needs of program participants.

Camper Registration and Medication Registration

- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will assist with camper registration on Monday (i.e., camper identification, review of medial and psychosocial history, medication reconciliation).
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will be responsible for redistributing participants medications to the parent/guardian at the end of each camp day/week.

Medication Administration and Documentation

- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will comply with practice standards per their regulating body (e.g., CLPNA, CARNA).
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will comply with all medication guidelines (e.g., CARNA Medication Guidelines 2019).
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will comply with ACA and COCA-I standards as they relate to medication administration, and documentation of nursing interventions within the camp setting.

Infection Prevention

- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will be responsible for ensuring adherence to infection prevention standards and practices per the KCC medical policies and procedures manual.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will participate in all COVID-19 screening, testing and isolation practices as per KCC policy.

Medical Needs and Wellbeing of Camp Participants

- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will comply with practice and ethical standards as per their regulating body.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will be responsible for monitoring the health and wellbeing of residential/day camp participants.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will assist with medical incidents and medical emergencies as they arise.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will effectively communicate questions, or concerns to the KCC Director of Nursing & Outreach and KCC Nurse Coordinator.
- The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will effectively communicate assessment findings and nursing interventions to the camp medical team in a timely manner; and
- Will establish timely, clear, and effective lines of communication between appropriate healthcare professionals (e.g., Pediatric Oncologists and Hematologists on call, the participant's parent / guardian) when appropriate.

Support

- While at Camp, the Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will receive direction from and be directly supported by the KCC Director of Nursing & Outreach, KCC Nurse Coordinator, the KCC Medical Advisory Team, and Paediatric Oncologists and Haematologists on-call at the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital.

Additional Training

Orientation to the role, and review of KCC medical policies and procedures will be facilitated by the KCC Director of Nursing & Outreach and KCC Nurse Coordinator. This training session is **mandatory**, and will be held at the KCC Office on Wednesday 8th June 2022 from 18:00-20:00hrs.

The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will review standards and guidelines for the administration of oral chemotherapy at camp (education materials to be provided by the KCC Nurse Coordinator). The Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse will complete the oral chemotherapy administration quiz prior to their scheduled week at camp.

An additional training weekend is scheduled **at Camp Kindle**. This training weekend is not mandatory for the KCC Nursing Team but is very strongly recommended. The training weekend will serve to orient new employees to the site and create an opportunity for participants to connect with various members of the camp team. The KCC Nurse Coordinator will be on site during the training weekend and will plan to schedule a brief orientation session for Casual Nurses.

Kids Cancer Care will provide General Liability Insurance Coverage and Errors and Omissions Coverage.

Education and Certifications

- Successful completion of an accredited Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN), or Registered Nurse (RN) program.
- Must have active license in good standing with CARNA
- Current BLS for Healthcare Provider (C);
- Valid Driver's License.
- Vulnerable Sector Check and Police Check.

Knowledge and Experience

- Strong oral and written communication skills, including an excellent telephone manner.

- Mature, flexible, well-organized individual who has demonstrated the ability to effectively work as part of an interdisciplinary team.
- Ability to create and maintain both ethical and therapeutic relationships with children and youth of varying developmental stages.

COVID-19 Vaccination

Kids Cancer Care is committed to taking all reasonable efforts to ensure the health and safety of those that use our locations. As such, offers of employment are conditional upon being Fully Vaccinated against COVID-19 and providing KCC with proof of your vaccination status. "Fully Vaccinated" means having received the completed series of a COVID-19 Vaccine. An individual is considered fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving their completed series. In the event you are unable to be Fully Vaccinated based on medical or religious reasons or protected ground by the applicable Human Rights Code, KCC will consider requests for accommodation on an individual basis. Personal health information collected by KCC is stored in accordance with applicable privacy laws and will be kept confidential.

Closing Date

Until the appropriate candidate is selected.

Applications

Please send a cover letter and resume with **Casual Nurse/Charge Nurse** in the email subject line to: khilton@kidscancercare.ab.ca

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Please note, we are grateful to everyone who applies, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.