



## **Registered Nurse – Ref. No. 19002**

### **Pathways to Housing Program**

### **Permanent | Full-Time**

**The Alex: Changing Health. Changing Lives.** The Alex Community Health Centre is a not-for-profit organization that is changing how we look at health care in Calgary. Our health, housing and food programs support our most vulnerable neighbours, tackling tough health and social issues head-on.

Using a multi-disciplinary team approach, we focus care on assessment, intervention and promotion of all aspects of health. We embrace a model of health care that is accessible, responsive and participatory. In addition to the Family Health Centre, we run a Seniors Health Centre, a Youth Centre, two Mobile Community Health Buses, one Dental Health Bus, four Housing First Programs, a Community Food Centre and Youth Law.

#### **What we do and why we do it:**

**Pathways to Housing** is a recognized innovative, best-practice service delivery model for ending homelessness. This model seeks to end homelessness by providing 'Housing First' coupled with harm reduction services provided by a multidisciplinary Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team. This program serves homeless individuals with mental health, physical health and addiction disorders. Our multidisciplinary team provides our clients with housing and follows ACT principles in supporting them toward independent living.

We are currently seeking a motivated, flexible, client-focused Registered Nurse to work as part of this innovative team. The Registered Nurse is a key member of the Assertive Community Treatment team and is responsible for working with clients with complex medical and psychiatric needs. Using principles of rehabilitation, the Registered Nurse is critical in helping program clients achieve independent living in community residences. Knowledge of chronic disease, mental health, and substance use as well as familiarity with the homeless serving sector is vital to the role. Note this is a permanent full-time position.

#### **What you will do:**

- Strong commitment to working with individuals living with severe and persistent mental illness and addictions
- Strong skills in health promotion and illness prevention
- Use principles of psychiatric rehabilitation to assist clients to move toward independent living in community residences
- Management and administration of medication in conjunction with the Psychiatrist and Family Physician
- Performing assessments, providing education and supporting clients directly in the community
- Develop and facilitate health and wellness groups for clients
- Be aware of and follow all health and safety, including psychological health and safety, policies and procedures; for protecting their own and others' health and safety at work sites; and, refraining from violence and harassment

**What you bring:**

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Current registration with CARNA
- Able to work independently in the community with clients
- Minimum of two years progressive Nursing experience working with clients with mental health and addictions disorders, homelessness, and poverty
- Excellent communication, organizational, advocacy, teaching, and rapport-building skills
- Able to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team model and innovative outreach service delivery model
- Experience with community outreach and crisis intervention
- Knowledge of social services and non-profit services in Calgary is an asset
- Experience with group facilitation is an asset
- Ability to multi-task in fast-paced environment
- A class 5 driver's license, \$2,000,000 liability coverage in car insurance, and vehicle are mandatory
- Current First Aid/CPR is mandatory

**How to apply:**

If you are as passionate as we are about making a difference in people's lives, please submit your resume to [jobs@thealex.ca](mailto:jobs@thealex.ca) and be sure to include the job title and reference number in the subject line.

*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

For further information about The Alex and its programs, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.thealex.ca](http://www.thealex.ca)