

Primary Care Physician – Ref. No. 19037

The Alex Youth Health Centre

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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.

What we do and why we do it:

The **Youth Health Centre** (YHC) has been making a difference in the lives of Calgary's youth aged 12 – 24 since 2008. We understand the unique challenges faced by vulnerable youth in our community. Our dedicated team of professionals are passionately committed to providing services and supports that break down barriers to a healthy future.

Primary Care Physicians at The Alex Youth Health Centre provide walk-in and appointment based family practice in a non-judgmental, holistic, and opportunistic manner. Working alongside multidisciplinary team members, physicians are required to understand the social determinants of health as they pertain to this vulnerable and underserved population, and to provide full-scope medical care with a trauma-informed and harm reduction perspective. Reimbursement is via alternative-relationship plan (ARP), with booked appointments are typically 30-60 minutes long, and physicians are also expected to participate in team-based, multidisciplinary care.

What you will do:

- Full scope family practice in clients aged 12 - 24 (including infants and children of the youth clients)
- Special skill sets are encouraged and preferred (i.e. transgender medicine, procedures, IUD insertions, opiate agonist therapy, prenatal care, emergency/urgent care, mental health, sports medicine, etc.)
- Work effectively and collaboratively with nurses, mental health providers, and youth workers
- Facilitate and support allied health team members to work to full-scope of practice
- Flexibility in regards to patient scheduling for same-day, walk-in appointments (there are frequent no shows and cancellations of scheduled appointments)
- Respond to acute concerns as appropriate for a family physician in an outpatient setting (i.e. irregular behavior, drug overdoses, active suicidality)
- Feel comfortable in completing a Form 1, as required
- Prescribe contraception and counsel on pregnancy choices
- Complete shadow billing for the ARP
- Attend primary care provider meetings once every three months in the evening

What you will bring:

- Good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta
- 2+ years of experience working with youth, vulnerable populations, sexual and reproductive health, and/or LGBTQ2s
- A passion for advocating and building relationships with hard to engage youth
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Candidate must be willing to have a Vulnerable Sector Police Information Check completed
- Valid First Aid and CPR

How to apply:

If you are as passionate as we are about making a difference in people's lives, please email your resume to jobs@thealex.ca and be sure to include the job title and reference number in the subject line. This job will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

For further information about The Alex and its programs, we encourage you to visit our website at www.thealex.ca. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.