

# DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY CARE & MENTAL HEALTH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICES

Job Title:	Physician Assistant	Creation Date:	August 2022
Department:	Primary Care & Mental Health	Approved By:	Anthony Desloges
Location:	Corporate	Reports To:	Anthony Desloges
Salary Range:	\$86,500 – \$104, 186 per year	Position Type:	1 Year Contract, Possible Renewal

## **Job Description**

## **Organization Overview**

Recovery Care is a group of medical clinics and mobile treatment units which treat and support individuals with substance use disorders. At Recovery Care, we focus on the individual as a whole and provide not only treatment options, but also harm reduction programming, infectious disease treatment, primary care, and mental health services.

## **Position Overview**

Recovery Care is seeking a compassionate, motivated, and team-oriented Physician Assistant to join our group of clinics in Ottawa, Ontario. The Physician Assistant will work to their full scope of practice and join an amazing interprofessional team with medical directives already in place. This will be the fourth Physician Assistant added to a rapidly growing primary care department.

The Physician Assistant in this position will work corporately in rotation with our clinics in Ottawa. The Physician Assistant will provide a wide range of services including comprehensive triage, assessment, diagnosis, crisis support and treatment to patients with varied health, social, cultural, and economic barriers. The focus will be in the provision of primary care, mental health and substance use disorders treatment. The Physician Assistant will also help to develop future programming for our catchment area, including participation in our other clinic programs in-keeping with scope.

## **Start Date:**

**ASAP** 

### **Application Deadline:**

Open until filled.

## **Hours:**

Weekdays, 8 hour shifts

## **Roles & Responsibilities:**

- Obtain comprehensive and focused health histories as appropriate.
- Conduct comprehensive, focused physical and mental health assessments and interpret findings. This includes assessment of vital signs and examination of all major body systems. Conduct and lead rapid assessments of critical events on-site (i.e., overdose, intoxication, psychosis, etc.).
- Order and interpret necessary diagnostic testing which may include, but are not limited to, hematology, microbiology, chemistry, serology, urinalysis and imaging. The PA will also be expected to interpret on-site ECG.
- In keeping with scope, perform the following diagnostic procedures on-site: ECG, dried blood spotting, HCV point-of-care testing, urine drug screening, collection of specimens and fluid for analysis, incision and drainage, suture placement and removal, staple removal. The aforementioned list is non-exhaustive.
- Connects with the physician team appropriately as necessary and required by CPSO policy.



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- Formulate and activate treatment and management plans based on assessment and/or investigations.
- Provide cross-clinic coverage as required.

### **Qualifications and Skills:**

- 2022 Graduate of the McMaster or Consortium Physician Assistant Program
- Certified or eligible to be certified through the Physician Assistant Certification Council of Canada (PACCC) or certification with the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).
- Active membership in good standing with the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants.
  - Upon successful integrated regulation, active membership in good standing with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.
- Current BLS or completion within 6 months of hire.
- Knowledge and awareness of principles and issues related to delivery of primary care.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as an active member of an interprofessional team.
- Demonstrated initiative and ability to prioritize, organize and work independently.
- Demonstrated knowledge of quality improvement and willingness to actively participate in continuous quality improvement activities/initiatives.

## **Preferred Qualifications and Skills:**

- Demonstrated knowledge of trauma informed care preferred\*
- Demonstrated knowledge of addictions preferred\*
- Demonstrated knowledge of infectious disease management preferred\*
- Experience with working with marginalized populations preferred

**Interested? Apply Today!** Interested applicants can send a cover letter and resume to Anthony Desloges at adesloges@recovery.care. If you have any questions, please also get in touch!

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<sup>\*</sup>Formal training in trauma informed practice, addictions and infectious disease management will be provided.