

CAMP NURSES

This position works as part of the Wellness Team, which includes at least one other nurse, an Indigenous Elder, a Camp Director and Assistant Director. This position reports to the Camp Director, and is able to access support regarding HIV medication requirements from physicians at Oak Tree Clinic.

The Camp Nurses are required to be onsite throughout the duration of camp, July 14-19. Nurses may also opt to arrive at our camp location (YMCA Camp Elphinstone) the night before camp for set up, although this is not required. We estimate the nurses will spend an estimated 20 hours preparing before camp to review camper files, determine any supply needs, and participate in Moomba training.

This is a volunteer contract position for Camp Moomba. A small honorarium will be provided as a token of our appreciation. Accommodation and food are provided during camp, and travel arrangements from the Lower Mainland in British Columbia will be arranged at no cost. The Camp Nurses will be reimbursed for any approved costs related to camp programming or given an advance where required. Nurses will share accommodations with each other and/or other camp staff. All nursing takes place in a cabin room with a desk, two sets of bunk beds, a table and a chair, and a set of lockers. Nurses have access to a handwashing station in an adjacent room.

Position Description

The Camp Nurses are a key part of the Camper Wellness Team, and is responsible for providing nursing care during Camp Moomba. The Camp Nurses will work together to lead camper care throughout Camp Moomba. Camper care includes administering medication, first aid for various camp life injuries, supporting campers who are early in their menstruation experience, and most importantly, having as much as fun as possible throughout and beyond campers' medical needs. Camp Nurses do get the chance to partake in camp activities during the day, have been known to sing a campfire song or two, and support HIV peer education sessions led by group leaders at camp.

For summer 2019, we are looking for a nurse who has experience working with a child who relies on a catheter.

Some years, we welcome a Student Nurse to join the Wellness Team as well. The Camp Nurses will offer supervision and mentorship to this position if relevant. The Camp Nurses will be involved in decisions about our capacity to have a Student Nurse.

Responsibilities

As a member of the Camper Wellness Team, the Camp Nurse will be expected to:

- Review confidential health histories from campers and ensure familiarity with camper medical needs prior to camp
- Ensure nursing supplies and resources are prepared prior to departure for camp
- With the Camp Director, provide sufficient information to group leaders to ensure the physical health needs of campers are met
- Supervise nursing students and/or volunteer nurses if relevant

- Follow nursing and organizational protocols for providing and documenting care
- Assist with some program delivery throughout the camp week
- Attend and participate in Camp Moomba training and meetings as required

The Camp Nurse will also be expected to:

- Assess and treat campers and staff who report to the Wellness Centre
- Dispense medications and maintain a log of medications dispensed
- Assess campers requesting PRN medications, administer as per consent parameters, and track
- Maintain a Wellness Centre log and complete incident reports when appropriate
- Complete WCB forms when appropriate
- Ensure the Camp Director is kept apprised of developing situations
- Provide first aid for incidents when required
- Contact parents of campers with health related issues during camp
- Manage health checks for all campers

Qualifications/Experience

The successful Camp Nurse will:

- Be a registered Nurse with current CRNBC registration
- Demonstrated commitment to YouthCO's values: anti-oppressive, inclusive, innovative, sex-positive, and youth-driven
- Experience with YouthCO and/or Camp Moomba, and/or working with youth living with HIV
- Ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others
- Passionate about building supportive communities for youth living with HIV

I'm in! How do I come to camp?

We work really hard to maximize the number of spaces we have for campers across BC! As such, we make determinations about the number of staff we can welcome based on current camper medical needs. At this point, we expect two or three nurses will be part of the team!

We will begin confirming nurses on June 1, 2019, **so let us know if you'd like to come as soon as possible to ensure we will include your application in our decision making process.** If we need to choose between nurses, we will let you know and conduct an interview process. Email us at moomba@youthco.org and, in 300 words or less, let us know:

1. Your connection to Camp Moomba (any experience with camps, HIV, first aid or pediatric care),
2. A brief description of your experience, if any, providing care to youth living with HIV, youth with PTSD diagnoses, youth who need regular catheterization, including overnight, youth with eating disorders, and youth who use substances.
3. Your current nursing and/or first aid designations.
4. If you have a vehicle you would be able to bring to camp for supply transportation and/or emergencies. We will reimburse relevant mileage and ferry costs. *This is not a requirement of coming to camp.*

We strongly encourage youth who are under the age of 25, living with HIV or Hep C, Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, Two-Spirit, queer, trans, non-binary, and/or living with disabilities to apply. **All applications from candidates with a current CRNBC registration will be considered.** Further information on YouthCO and its programs, including Camp Moomba, can be found at www.youthco.org.