



Job Title: COMMUNITY EDUCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIALIST

Date: September 18, 2017

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) invites applications for the position of Community Education and Language Specialist. This is an exciting new position created to lead research and development of education and language curriculum and resource material that facilitates the preservation and revitalization of Saskatchewan First Nations languages and cultures.

The Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre (SICC) has served First Nations people since 1972. It was the first First Nations controlled educational institution serving the provincial level. The mission of the SICC is to protect, preserve and promote the cultures and languages of the First Nations peoples of Saskatchewan: Plains Cree, Swampy Cree, Woodlands Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota and Lakota.

Reporting to the President, the Community Education and Language Specialist is part of the senior management team, contributing to the goals and objectives of the SICC: to provide a First Nations resource base for bands and school systems to draw upon so that First Nations children may accurately inherit the values and traditions of their ancestry; to advocate the preservation of First Nations' languages, cultures, traditional arts and history; to assist in developing traditional and contemporary cultural skills of First Nations.

The Community Education and Language Specialist will facilitate the renewal and transformation of pre K - adult education within First Nation communities. The position is responsible for providing sound and expert advice on all aspects of curriculum development. The incumbent will review and assess education resource materials in use in First Nation communities. Working with community resource people provide guidance and expertise in revisions and revitalization of education and language resource materials. This will include the traditional western educational materials and commence focus on land based principles and activities.

Positive and productive relationships with the First Nation communities, funding agencies, FSIN Institutions, and other organizations is critical to the reputation and success of SICC. The Community Education and Language Specialist will ensure effective communication and collaboration within SICC, with First Nation communities, with educational partners and others.

Qualifications:

- Graduate degree in education or a closely related field; or an Undergraduate degree with relevant experience
- Fluent in one of the Saskatchewan First Nation languages
- Extensive knowledge of First Nations cultures, histories, protocols and practices
- Saskatchewan 'A' Teaching Certificate or demonstrated equivalency
- Demonstrated experience in developing and assessing curriculum and public education materials
- Proficient in the Microsoft Office suite of programs; familiar with database systems
- Proficient in the Standard Roman Orthography (SRO) writing system; familiar with the Modified Roman Orthography (MRO) writing system

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of legislation, regulations and practice standards pertaining to pre K - adult education as well as on and off reserve education.
- Knowledge of the Saskatchewan education system, the roles of provincial government, various ministries, education partners, school boards and schools.
- Familiarity with best practices and meaningful First Nation language teaching activities.
- Has a good understanding of community development principles and practices
- Familiar with copyright regulations in curriculum.
- Working knowledge of principles and practices of effective project management; planning and supervision of projects.
- Comfortable working in a high-paced environment with an emphasis on innovation and change.
- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with groups and individuals with diverse or competing interests or perspectives.
- Ability to work effectively with various levels of community resource people (community leaders, elders, knowledge and language keepers, teachers and staff).
- Ability and willingness to travel (holds a valid Saskatchewan Drivers' License and owns a reliable vehicle)

Salary is currently under review.

For a copy of the full job description call 306-244-1146 or email hr@sicc.sk.ca.

How to Apply:

A complete application consists of:

1. A letter of interest addressing the qualifications for the position
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae
3. The names and contact information of three professional references

Please send your documentation to:

Saskatchewan Indigenous Cultural Centre
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Saskatoon, SK S7T 0K1

Or Email to: hr@sicc.sk.ca.

Application should be submitted by October 20, 2017; however position will remain open until filled.