

Community Midwives of Ottawa is looking for an outreach midwifery locum, exact dates to be determined.

We are looking for a general registrant interested in building an outreach practice.

Ideally this midwife will have skills in motivational interviewing and experience navigating housing, social assistance and child protection. Outreach work includes episodic care in the shelters, the detention centre, in your vehicle, or at a coffee shop. We are looking for somebody who is philosophically aligned with a health equity and harm reduction approach. As these clients can be medically outside of midwifery scope, collaboration with the maternal fetal medicine team is required. We work closely with multiple community partners including outreach nursing, mental health and addiction services, community health centres, and child protection. This is work for somebody who enjoys building interdisciplinary relationships, and is an excellent negotiator. There is potential for ongoing outreach midwifery work.

This work is quite different than conventional midwifery practice. It is less time at births, it is more time at meetings, less time in clinic, more time providing clinical care in the community, more time on the phone and more time in transit. There is a very high volume of postpartum visits, which can sometimes be in two places if the newborn is with kin, rather than with parents. It is less predictable than what you are used to in the daytime and more predictable at night. You will spend lots of time trying to contact people and re-scheduling. There are some very sad parts that come alongside the joyful parts.

Fluency in French, or another language would be a considerable asset. Indigenous and/or queer midwives encouraged to apply. Good standing with the college is essential.

Please forward resumes with a cover letter to [admin@ottawamidwives.ca](mailto:admin@ottawamidwives.ca).