



First Nations Midwifery Opportunity

Aurora Midwifery is a thriving and established practice in Calgary, AB. Over the last few years we have been making inroads and building relationships with institutions surrounding women's health in the First Nation's Community on and off reserve. We are seeking to recruit a Registered Midwife with a passion for serving mothers and families in this traditional framework, and an understanding of the cultural significance of birth and family building. The First Nation's Midwifery program at Aurora Midwifery has already seen successful implementation and partnership with the Elbow River Healing Lodge as part of the mosaic of care providers available to the families in our care. This program has already seen successful home birth for First Nations women and is looking forward to our first birth on traditional land. The midwife for the First Nation's team of midwives would be working in a team and providing prenatal care, labour and birth support, as well as 6 weeks of postpartum care. For clients who are at increased risk, we provide supportive care and continuity to enhance The model of midwifery care in Alberta and at Aurora includes home visits (1 near term and more in the immediate days postpartum). Clients have had a variety of appointment options available to them including the Elbow River Healing Lodge in the Sheldon Chumir Building in downtown Calgary.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- ☼ Completion of a Midwifery Education Program from a recognized institution
- ☼ Registration with the College of Midwives of Alberta
- ☼ Registration with the Alberta Association of Midwives
- ☼ Minimum three years preferred providing full scope midwifery services in Canadian jurisdiction (other applicants will be considered)
- ☼ Experience with all aspects of perinatal, maternal and newborn care
- ☼ Experience with serving as a mentor to other midwives and students
- ☼ Familiarity with First Nations Culture, experience working in First Nations communities
- ☼ Flexible availability including days, evenings and weekends, to meet client and community needs
- ☼ Willingness to become engaged in the communities services
- ☼ Knowledge of the guiding principles and core values of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM)
- ☼ Satisfactory Criminal Record Check
- ☼ Valid Class 5 Driver's License

Primary Responsibilities:

- ☼ Work as an autonomous, contracted Registered Midwife with our current Registered Midwives providing full scope midwifery care for up to 40 families per year
- ☼ Work within the regulations and standards of care of the College of Midwives of Alberta
- ☼ Provide prenatal and postpartum care as part of the health care team
- ☼ Work within a culturally vibrant community in accordance of and with respect for community values, traditions and policies, all team and community members



- ☼ Respond sensitively to cultural differences in providing care to the woman and her family
- ☼ Hold or qualify for hospital privileges at South Health Campus and Calgary Area Hospitals as well as Elbow River Healing Lodge for clinic visits.

Compensation

This position is being trialed as a salaried compensation model, based on funding provided by Alberta Health Services, rather than the conventional course of care fees for midwives in Alberta. This provides a steady income through the fiscal year and is not strictly dependent on intake numbers.

After serious consideration and consultation with stakeholders of this program, including the women and families served by this position, Aurora Midwifery will be giving preference to those who self-identify as First Nations, Indigenous, Metis, or Aboriginal.

Interested Candidates are invited to send a professional Resume, cover letter and two professional references to Kimberley at **serenity.birth@shaw.ca**