

Position:

General Registrant Locum Midwife from November 2019-January 2021 (3 months or up to a year)

Location:

Loving Arms Midwifery, High Level, Alberta

Practice Description:

Ready for a northern midwifery adventure! Tamar Quist, a solo practice midwife at Loving Arms Midwifery is going on maternity leave in November 2019 and returning January 2021. It would be wonderful if this community could maintain midwifery services during this maternity leave. Loving Arms Midwifery is a practice in High Level, servicing local communities including La Crete and Fort Vermilion. Midwifery is well-integrated and well respected in these northern communities. The women in this area are just waiting for another midwife to come to the area and hopefully that will be you!

Job Description and Operations:

The locum position starts November 1, 2019 and ends January 1, 2021. The year can be split up to 3 month placements and extend to one year based on the locum's preference. Practice is based on a Primary Care model in a solo practice setting. Clinic is 1.5 days a week, with one day in La Crete and a half day in High Level. We have administrative staff available during business hours that handles our scheduling, intakes and running lab tests. Privileges will be needed for Northwest Health Center (NWHC) in High Level. Women are offered out-of-hospital births within 30 minute of the NWHC. Back-up at births are either trained paramedics or registered nurses. There will be 2-4 clients due per month. The midwife is also expected to make herself available for preconceptual, prenatal, and postpartum appointments of non-midwife clients. These appointments are to expand the services in this area to include family planning, contraceptive use, PAP's, STI screening, and breastfeeding support. Unfortunately due to this being a solo practice setting no off-call time can be promised, however the physicians can take care of midwifery clients to maintain an appropriate work/life balance. There is the opportunity for more than one midwife to locum at the same time with this practice, so maybe you want to bring a partner!

Additional Training and Skills:

We are a rural/remote practice. The NWHC is a level one facility with cesarean section capabilities. The facility does not have a NICU/ICU, obstetrician or pediatrician, therefore its essential for locum midwives to have strong emergency skills as there is a significant transport time to a tertiary care center. Furthermore, we require any new midwives to have an understanding of the surrounding culture in the area, which can be reviewed.

Fee Costs:

Each midwife would receive a monthly salary of 12,500 per month. She will need to pay her back-up for out-of-hospital deliveries.

Other Benefits and Information:

We have some doula's in the area that offer free services for midwifery clients. All disposable equipment is provided by the practice, as well as homebirth equipment. We have a bedside ultrasound and NST machine available in our clinic space in High Level. Northern Alberta is truly spectacular both in beauty of the nature surrounding and the people with in. There are so many outdoor adventures that await, your options are endless for what activities you can do in this vast wilderness. And yes, we do have a Tim Hortons!

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