

Registered Midwife(s) – High Level, Alberta

Specialty: Registered Midwife (RM)
City/Town: High Level, AB
Location: High Level and surrounding communities
Organization: Alberta Health Services
Date Posted: July 5, 2021
Date Closed: Will remain open until positions filled
Position Starts: As soon as possible
Type: Full time practice

FTE: One (1) Registered Midwife position is available in High Level

MIDWIFERY SERVICES – ALBERTA CONTEXT

In Alberta, Midwifery Services are funded through Alberta Health Services (AHS). AHS contracts with midwifery practices to provide services in a geographic area, and individual registered midwives work with the contracted midwifery practice. Opportunities to establish new practices in an area may exist, depending on community need.

As the funders of midwifery services within AHS, the Provincial Midwifery Administrative Office will recruit Registered Midwives to available positions in a geographic area, based on community need and resource availability, as outlined in the AHS Midwifery Staff Bylaws and Rules.

We are happy to provide further context around midwifery services in Alberta to candidates contacted for an interview.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

This position will provide midwifery services to clients in the AHS North Zone in High Level and surrounding areas.

RMs are not employees of AHS, but contracted providers who are granted an AHS Midwifery Staff Appointment and Clinical Privileges in the geographic area where they practice.

Responsibilities include, but may not be limited to:

- Reside in the community of High Level or surrounding areas
- Provide midwifery services within the community of High Level and surrounding areas.
- Contribute to and participate in teaching programs and activities
- Contribute to and participate in other administrative responsibilities as assigned
- Work collaboratively as part of the maternal care team in the community of High Level and surrounding areas.

QUALIFICATIONS

This role requires the applicant to be eligible for registration with the College of Midwives of Alberta (CMA). Prior to beginning practice in the community, the successful candidate will require a valid Practice Permit from the CMA, and hold appropriate liability insurance.

As the Northwest Health Centre is a rural/remote facility without NICU/ICU, preference will be given to candidates that have strong emergency response skills.

Position will remain open until a suitable candidate(s) is found.

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

ABOUT HIGH LEVEL, ALBERTA

High Level is a town located in the Northwestern region of Alberta on the Mackenzie Highway approximately 8 hours north of Edmonton. The population of the Town is 3,992 (according to its 2017 municipal census). The town serves a trading area of approximately 20,000 people

Covering a vast expanse of the province, Alberta's north offers exceptional lifestyle opportunities. Northern Alberta offer great benefits beyond your career – discover a different pace of life, meet new people, and find new recreational activities. The extra-long summer days deliver ample opportunity to enjoy the outdoors: hiking, biking, and riding horseback or ATVs along thousands of kilometers of trails, or enjoy fishing, swimming, or paddling along northern waterways. The beautiful glow of the northern lights, pleasant summer days and midnight sunsets make living in Northern Alberta a truly unforgettable experience. Winter sports are also hugely popular and locals enjoy skiing, skating, ice fishing or snowmobiling through the varied terrain. From prairie grasslands to dense boreal forest, you will find yourself immersed in communities with unique cultures that are all their own.



Northwest Health Centre



The Northwest Health Centre provides a range of health care services including a 24/7 emergency department and labour & delivery. In 2018/19, the Northwest Health Centre had over 600 deliveries.

LOCAL MIDWIFERY SERVICES

Practice Description:

Currently Loving Arms Midwifery serves this area. Tamar Quist, RM, RN, in High Level, Alberta in 2015, established Loving Arms Midwifery. Loving Arms Midwifery was one the first contracted midwifery practice in the AHS North Zone and is still Alberta's most northerly midwifery practice at 58.51° N. Loving Arms Midwifery supports families of Northern Alberta through pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum.

Prior to becoming a RM in 2014, Tamar Quist worked as a Registered Nurse in labour and delivery. Tamar continues to be a RM and a Registered Nurse, as a RM Tamar has caught more than 200 babies in the High Level, La Crete and Fort Vermillion areas.

Working in High Level will offer you multi-disciplinary support and intriguing maternity cases in a beautiful northern community. This Midwifery practice offers a great work/life balance with great support from nurses, doctors and the midwife. Midwifery is well integrated and well respected in this northern community. Currently it is a solo-practice fulltime RM with more than enough clientele to support additional RMs in the area.

COMPENSATION

AHS is committed to working with rural midwifery practices to enable service provision to targeted, vulnerable, and indigenous populations. This position is funded through a Midwifery Alternate Relationship Plan (MARF) to support services in the community through both standard courses of care and alternative services provide by a RM.

Under the MARF funding structure there may be opportunity to help offset relocation costs and other expenses as appropriate with prior discussion and approval with AHS.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS

Please send your resume to midwives@ahs.ca