

Mental Health and Addictions and Palliative Medicine

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton in association with HNHB Organization of Palliative Care Physicians (HOPE) seek a palliative medicine physician with expertise in mental health and substance use disorders to provide palliative care consultation services to persons who are receiving care provided by the Mental Health and Addictions Program (MHAP), St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. This will be a 0.6 FTE position.

As a multi-site, tertiary care, academic and research health care organization, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH) strives to care for patients and families in a spirit of compassion and commits to making a difference in people's lives through innovative health services and internationally recognized programs. As well as having strong general internal medicine, general surgery, critical care, and family medicine programs, SJHH specialty and regional services include respiratory and gastrointestinal medicine; nephrology; renal transplant; mental health; ophthalmology, and thoracic, head and neck, and urological surgery.

The Palliative Care Service has been part of St. Joseph's Healthcare since the 1970s. The service has always cared for people with serious mental illness as part of their care – at the Charlton site, the West 5th site (formerly the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital) and, in past years, in the community. The service works in a shared- care model across all sites to provide care for patients and families with complex needs and to support colleagues. It is committed to excellence in clinical care, education, research, and system innovation.

The successful applicant will be one of a group of palliative care physicians who work collaboratively to provide clinical expertise in palliative medicine. This clinician will be responsible for providing palliative and end-of-life care for patients with severe and persistent mental illness and palliative care needs at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. The service will be provided to patients admitted to inpatient units within the MHAP and those served by MHAP ambulatory clinics and outreach services within the Hamilton area.

The successful candidate will hold a clinical appointment in the Department of Medicine and/or the Department of Family Medicine at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. The successful candidate will also be a member of the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. Academic responsibilities include clinical education and supervision in palliative medicine of all levels of medical learners – staff physicians, medical residents, clerks, and students. Participation in hospital committees with administrative, clinical, educational, research or other mandates is required.

Qualifications:

- MD with CCFP, Royal College, or equivalent certification
- Accredited training in Palliative Medicine or Certificate of Added Competence in Palliative Care
- Experience in Palliative Medicine as a member of an interdisciplinary team, preferably with experience in more than one setting
- Eligible for licensure by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario
- Eligible to attain an academic appointment with McMaster University at or above the level of Assistant Clinical Professor

- Demonstrated experience providing care to structurally vulnerable populations
- Demonstrated experience managing substance use disorders and serious mental illnesses
- Ability to work collaboratively and to develop collegial relationships
- Demonstrated experience in teaching or clinical research
- Energy, enthusiasm and creativity
- A track record of learning

For more information about this position, please contact: Dr. Anne Boyle (aboyle@stjoes.ca) or Dr. Anne Woods (awoods@mcmaster.ca).

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2023. Interested candidates should send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of three referees to:

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HNHB Organization of Palliative Care Physician Services/Enhancements (HOPE)

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