

Palliative Care Physician Position Posting – University Health Network

Title: Lecturer / Assistant Professor – Palliative Medicine

Number of Positions: 4

Field: Clinical and Academic

Faculty / Division: Faculty of Medicine or Faculty of Family & Community Medicine

Department: Supportive Care – Division of Palliative Care

Institutional Affiliation: University Health Network –Toronto Western Hospital and Kensington Hospice, Toronto General Hospital or Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

Campus: St. George (downtown Toronto)

Position Closing: Dec 15th, 2021 or until filled

Description:

The Division of Palliative Care, University Health Network (UHN) and the University of Toronto are seeking four full-time clinicians with expertise in teaching, research or quality improvement in palliative and/or hospice medicine, to be based at the University Health Network. Two positions are located at the Toronto Western Hospital and Kensington Hospice sites, one at the Toronto General Hospital and one at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. The successful applicant must be eligible for a Full-time Clinical academic appointment at the rank of Lecturer or Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. It is expected that the positions will be as follows:

1. **Medical Director for Kensington Hospice:** Approximately 70% clinical, and 30% teaching and administrative oversight of the medical hospice portfolio. Clinical care, including call coverage will occur at Kensington Hospice, a residential community hospice increasing from 10 to 19 inpatient beds in Spring 2022, and Toronto Western Hospital consult service that includes MRP bed coverage. Outpatient opportunities are available for interested applicants.
2. **Palliative Care physician located at the Toronto Western Hospital/ Kensington Hospice:** Approximately 80% clinical, and 20% teaching and research. Clinical care, including call coverage will occur at Kensington Hospice, a residential community hospice increasing from 10 to 19 inpatient beds in Spring 2022, and Toronto Western Hospital consult and outpatient services that includes MRP bed coverage.

3. **Palliative Care physician located at the Toronto General Hospital:** Approximately 80% clinical, and 20% teaching and research. Clinical care includes inpatient consultation service and call coverage.
4. **Palliative Care physician located at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre:** Approximately 80% clinical, and 20% teaching and research. Clinical care includes outpatient clinics, inpatient consultation service, palliative care unit and call coverage at this site.

Expected start date for all four positions is July 1, 2022, or as mutually agreed upon.

Overview of Palliative Care Program:

The Division of Palliative Care at the University Health Network spans five sites: Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, and our affiliated community partner Kensington Hospice. The interdisciplinary program includes inpatient consultations and MRP coverage, outpatient clinics, an acute palliative care unit and a residential hospice. The Palliative Care program is expanding across all sites, creating a need for additional physician positions.

TWH is expanding its inpatient, outpatient and hospice programs and the Medical Director position is being created to support clinical and academic excellence for these programs. Department members have excellent opportunities for educational and research endeavours within an interdisciplinary team including physicians, nurses, and social workers, among others. There is protected time for scholarly activities to ensure rewarding, fulfilling career development.

Requirements:

The successful candidate must hold an MD degree or equivalent, have completed training in a recognized palliative medicine postgraduate training program, and have, or be eligible for, licensure by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Responsibilities will include excellence in clinical care, teaching, and research. Candidates should have completed, or be willing to complete, a graduate degree in education or research, or have one or more years of post-residency fellowship.

The successful applicant will foster excellence in Palliative and Hospice Medicine and will have broad clinical and research interests related to palliative care. Advanced training and evidence of scholarship is a requirement for the appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. They should demonstrate academic experience through publications in leading journals and presentations at significant conferences.

Remuneration will be consistent with similar academic positions in Toronto. The successful candidate will be eligible for membership in the University Hospital Palliative Care Practice Plan, through which all earnings will be administered. Applications will be accepted until Dec 15th, 2021 or until the position is filled. Should you be interested in this opportunity, please forward a cover letter, your curriculum vitae and names and addresses of three (3) references to:

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For more information about the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Toronto, please visit our website at <https://www.dfcm.utoronto.ca/>

For more information about the Division of Palliative Care at University Health Network, please visit our website at: http://www.uhn.ca/PatientsFamilies/Patient_Services/Pages/palliative_care.aspx

For more information about Kensington Hospice, please visit their website at <https://www.kensingtonhealth.org/hospice>

The University of Toronto and the University Health Network are strongly committed to diversity within their communities and especially welcome applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.