

# Community Advanced Care Paramedic Assisted Self Isolation Site (ASIS) Casual

## What we do and why we do it:

The pandemic response continues to evolve which requires a team that will have flexibility in their delivery of care. The Government of Alberta has identified that it is critical to have an Assisted Self Isolation Site (ASIS) for Calgary's vulnerable homeless individuals who otherwise do not have homes to self-isolate should they become symptomatic or ill with COVID-19. Our target population is Calgary area only, homeless persons with symptoms who have been tested in the community and require self-isolation while waiting for results; COVID-infected homeless persons requiring self-isolation while their illness resolves; homeless persons who have symptoms or have come into contact with a known case and don't have a home where they can properly isolate. The ASIS team will provide medical, mental health, addictions, and housing supports in a 24/7 operation of care.

As a part of the multidisciplinary team, the Community Paramedic completes clinic and community health duties to ensure our clients are receiving quality and holistic care, practices within their scope of practice. Knowledge of chronic disease, mental health, and substance use as well as familiarity with the homeless serving sector is vital to the role. This is a casual position, reporting to the ASIS Medical Team Lead.

## What you will do:

- Strong commitment to working with and building rapport with the vulnerable population
- Strong skills in health promotion and illness prevention
- Management and administration of medication in conjunction with the Psychiatrist and Family Physician
- Performing assessments, providing education and supporting clients directly in the community
- Assessments of clients' ILI symptoms, symptom management, as well as medication administration
- Ability to build rapport with marginalized individuals, time management skills, ability to work independently
- Strong knowledge of harm reduction, substance use and withdrawal management

## What you bring:

- Current registration as an Advanced Care Paramedic with Alberta College of Paramedics
- Minimum of two years experience working with clients experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance misuse
- Ability to work independently in the community with clients
- Excellent communication, organizational, advocacy, teaching, and rapport-building skills
- Ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team model and innovative outreach service delivery model
- Experience with community outreach and crisis intervention
- Knowledge of social services and non-profit services in Calgary is an asset
- Ability to multi-task in fast-paced environment
- A satisfactory vulnerable sector criminal record clearance is required
- Standard First Aid – Level C CPR & AED is required. Must be valid for 6 months from hire date or acquired within 30 days of hire.
- Knowledge of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions (TRC) 94 Calls to Action an asset

**Working Environment:**

- ASIS is a 24/7 residential program; the majority of this role is on-site with the exception of occasional mandatory and/or voluntary training that may occur offsite
- This is a casual position, shifts can vary depending on coverage needs. Shifts can be 8-12 hours in duration, including overnights
- Continuous extended periods of sitting, standing and walking
- Frequent climbing and carrying objects up or down stairwells (up to 3 flights)
- Occasional physical action; requires the ability to climb and carry objects up flights of stairs throughout the shift, and to bend/crouch, reach above shoulder height, kneel, and carry objects (more than 20lbs) throughout the shift. This may include lifting and transferring clients who require assistance moving.

**How to apply:**

If you are as passionate as we are about making a difference in people's lives, please visit our career centre at: [Join Us - The Alex](#)

*We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*