

SCHOOL COUNSELOR (Part-time)

Deer Lake School is an independent K-12 Seventh-day Adventist Christian school located in Burnaby, BC. Presently, school enrollment is 300 students with 42 full-time or part-time staff.

Deer Lake School is seeking a dedicated and experienced **Part-Time School Counselor** to provide mental health support to our diverse student body. As a Seventh-day Adventist K-12 school, we are looking for a counsellor who aligns with our values and mission while providing professional, compassionate care to students.

Position: Part-Time School Counselor

Location: Deer Lake School, Burnaby, BC

Work Schedule: 1 day per week

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide **Solution-Focused Brief Counseling (SFBC)** to students across grades K-12, addressing challenges such as anxiety, depression, low self-esteem, worldview crises, family difficulties, self-harm, and behavioural issues.
- Work primarily with students on an **individual basis**, offering personalized support, while also having opportunities to engage with classes or groups in an educational capacity. This may involve facilitating discussions, participating in chapel, or leading mental health workshops.
- Serve as a **visible and approachable presence** for students and staff, encouraging a supportive atmosphere where mental health care is accessible and de-stigmatized.
- Collaborate with school leadership, teachers, and families to **inform wellness programs** and contribute to student intervention plans, leveraging your expertise to enhance the overall well-being of the school community.
- Uphold and integrate the **Seventh-day Adventist worldview**, offering guidance that respects and aligns with the school's values while being responsive to the diverse needs of students.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A **Master's degree** in School Counseling, Counseling Psychology, or a related field.
- Experience working with **school-aged children (K-12)** and addressing a wide range of mental health concerns.
- Familiarity with the **Seventh-day Adventist faith tradition** or willingness to work within its framework while adhering to school policies and values.
- Strong **interpersonal skills** and the ability to build trusting relationships with students, staff, and parents.
- Professional certification or licensure as a mental health counsellor is a must.
- Training to conduct psychoeducational assessments (Level C) is preferred.

Why Deer Lake School?

At Deer Lake School, we are committed to the holistic growth of our students, nurturing them academically, spiritually, and emotionally. This counselling role is an important addition to our community, and we are seeking someone who is eager to form a **long-term relationship** with the school. Over time, we believe this connection will build familiarity and trust, making it easier for students to seek the support they need.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit a resume and cover letter to admin@deerlakeschool.ca, highlighting their qualifications and explaining why they are a good fit for this position. Please include "Part-Time School Counselor Application" in the subject line.

JOB TYPE:	Contract – Hourly November 2024 - June 27, 2025
POSITIONS AVAILABLE:	1 part-time position - 8 hours per week (1 day), with the possibility for the role to increase.
SALARY:	\$45 per hour* (plus benefits if working over 30 hours/week)
APPLICANTS:	Send cover letter, resume, and copies of any certifications to: admin@deerlakeschool.ca
POSTING CLOSING DATE:	Fri. Nov. 22, 2024 or until filled

* base rate; additional increase contingent on relevant certification and experience