

Volunteer position title:	Professional counsellor	Posting date:	July 3, 2015
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Location:	Health Centre on Davie st. (421 – 1033 Davie Street)	Position duration:	Ongoing
Position type:	Direct client service	Service area:	Mental Health

Statement of volunteer value:

At Health Initiative for Men (HIM), volunteers play an essential role in bringing our mission and vision to life. We value volunteers for their roles as ambassadors, mentors, board directors, leaders, supporters, educators, advocates, and as members of the community of gay men and other men who have sex with men. At HIM, we value the unique gifts as well as the personal needs and diversity of our volunteers and embrace the benefits of volunteering for purposeful personal growth and social connection.

Purpose of the position:

HIM counsellors have the chance to contribute as a volunteer to an innovative organization dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of gay men in your community. HIM Counsellors will have access to training, hands-on experience in community health promotion, and on-going involvement in activities related to gay men's health. Volunteer counsellors work in a clinical setting to provide low barrier, collaborative and client centered emotional and social support to gay men and OMSM*. HIM counsellors work on a team with other counsellors, clinical supervisor, and the HIM program staff in order to support the creation of an integrated health service for gay men and OMSM*.

Responsibilities and duties

- Provide counselling on a range of issues in accordance with the counsellors specific training/experience and preference (up to 10 sessions)
- Maintain accurate records, observe clinic protocols and maintain confidentiality.
- Support clients with appropriate referrals and advocacy.
- Gain a thorough understanding of HIM's objectives, programs and services.
- Ensure clients feel welcome and have the best counselling experience possible.
- Seek individual clinical supervision with HIM clinical supervisor to ensure quality service.

Qualifications

Required qualifications	Preferred qualification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masters qualification in counselling/ psychology or related area Registration with a related professional body. Up to date professional liability insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic computer proficiency 2 years post graduate counselling work (preferably with gay men)

Commitment expected

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We expect that HIM counsellors will see at least one client for one session per week. We are flexible about the time and day, but preference will be given to counsellors who can work during the hours of operation of the HIM Health Centres. The Surrey HIM health Centre is available for booking counselling appointments: Wednesday 4:30-8:00 (closed at 9:00) Friday 3:00-7:00 (closed at 8:00) We would prefer to have counsellors commit for one year.
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Training

Training provided by HIM	Other training you might bring:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIM institute Site specific orientation and training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific counselling/psychology qualification or certification (E.g. narrative level 1 etc...) Training in queer competency

Other details

<p>Recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counsellors may request endorsement of their own practice on the HIM website. Counsellors may have their personal business listed on HIM's referral list.

*Other men who have sex with men